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Girl, 2, killed after being run over by backing SUV

Man stages 7-hour hostage drama

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A 27-year-old man held a kitchen knife to the neck of his wife, threatened to kill her if police wouldn't leave, and refused to release his two children during a seven-hour hostage drama at their residence in Afetnas, police said yesterday.

» **Suspect held knife to neck of his wife, refused to release 2 children**

The standoff began on Saturday at 10:42pm and ended yesterday at 5:47am when the Department of Public Safety's Special Enforcement and Action Section stormed the house and arrested the suspect, Governor Jason Tarkong.

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A 2-year-old girl was killed when a vehicle being driven by her aunt accidentally hit her while backing out of a residence in As Perido on Thursday night.

A doctor at the Commonwealth Health Center pronounced the girl dead at 6:57pm due to head trauma, according to acting Department of Public Safety spokes-

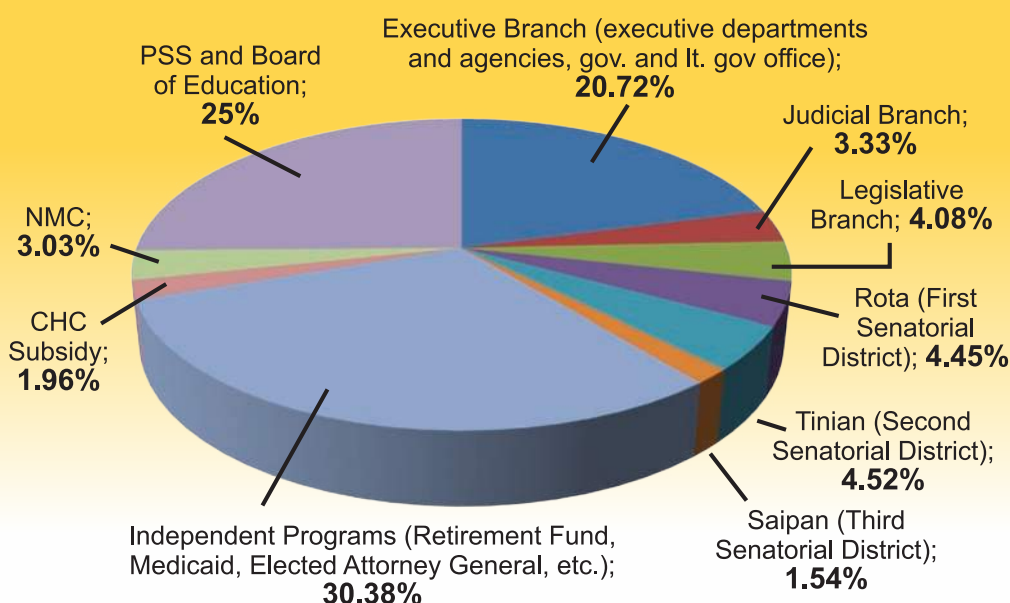
man Jason Tarkong.

The driver was a 25-year-old local woman.

Tarkong said that police officers responded on Thursday.

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A close look at how Legislature divvied up the \$145.8M budget



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Gov. Eloy S. Inos continues his review today of a "compromise" budget bill for fiscal year 2016 for a decision expected by tomorrow, a day before the fiscal year deadline of Sept. 30.

That compromise budget bill—technically called H.B. 19-86, HDG, SS1, CCSI—sees cuts in Inos-directed funds to the Marianas Visitors Authority; 5 percent salary raises for law enforcers; increases

in the Legislature's leadership account; salary raises for resident department heads on Tinian and Rota; and shifts the expenditure authority of Public School System operational funds to school principals.

Inos could either approve or veto the entire measure, or veto some select portions. Inos also has given marching orders to Cabinet members to prepare a list of "essential employees" should the government head into a government shutdown with no budget signed into law past Sept. 30.

Saipan Tribune learned that Cabinet members had inquired for a reported Attorney General's opinion from 2010 on the definition of "essential" employees. While that Sept. 7, 2010, opinion could not be obtained as of press time, a memorandum issued by then-governor Benigno R. Fitial detailing an anticipated emergency order defining "essential services" was obtained.

That order, from Sept. 27 2010, expressed Fitial's "regret" at the Legislature's fail-

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MOBILE MISSION

Philippine Consul Edgar Auxilian speaks to the Filipino community on Saipan during the fourth mobile consulate mission in the CNMI this year. Next month, the consulate in Guam will hold another mission that will include the island of Rota.

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Civil Service finally has its own office, hearing chamber



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Gov. Eloy S. Inos and members of the Civil Service Commission pose for a photo in their new hearing chamber after an office dedication ceremony last Friday at Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. From left to right, are commissioners Charles M. Calvo, Arsene M. Borja, Inos, Herman Guerrero, Catalina L. Tebit, and Felicitas "Tee" P. Abraham.

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After years without an adequate facility, the Civil Service Commission finally cut the ribbon to a new office and hearing chamber on Friday in a dedication ceremony at Springs Plaza.

"It's been housed in a very, I understand, unsanitary facility, down by Beach Road," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos in his remarks. "But finally, through the hard work by the chairman and the personnel officer [Isidro K. Seman], we were able to find some limited funding to be able to build the necessary renovation and the construction of this beautiful chamber where employees will finally be able to present their case."

"For many years, employees felt they were just ignored and so, I guess you will be very busy, Mr. Chairman," Inos said, referring to CSC chair Herman "HR" Guerrero.

"...I would like to urge that you meet expeditiously and resolve those many outstanding grievances and employee complaints," he added.

After his remarks, Inos

pounded the gavel three times to formalize the opening of the new hearing chamber.

Guerrero cited Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Inos as the "masterminds" behind the "reactivation of the civil service" and the new civil service hearing chamber.

Public Law-80, first introduced by Hofschneider, moved the Office of Personnel Management back under the Civil Service Commission.

Guerrero said the law brings the two offices together that are "responsible for human resources of the CNMI government."

The commission also swore in last Friday two new members, providing a quorum to the body.

The new members are Felicitas "Tee" P. Abraham, vice chair from Saipan, and Catalina Tebit,

also from Saipan.

Tebit, who has worked for the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs for over 30 years, told *Saipan Tribune* that she was "very excited" with her appointment. Tebit would like to see hardworking government employees get the bonuses and lump sum that's been long overdue for those entitled to them. She would also like to work on within-grade increases so employees can get compensated and salary increases.

"I'd like to do my best and protect the interest and benefits of civil service employees," Tebit said.

The Civil Service Commission members are Guerrero, Abraham, Charles M. Calvo, Arsene Borja, from Tinian, and Tebit. Two seats remain vacant, one for Rota and Saipan.

Woman who allegedly tried to grab gun from cop gets two-day sentence

A woman arrested in June for allegedly making a disturbance at a massage parlor and trying to grab the gun of one of three police officers has pleaded guilty and was slapped with a two-day prison term.

Jayna Jia Cepeda Kaipat, 26, pleaded guilty last week to disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges of obstructing justice and resisting arrest were dropped.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Kaipat to six months in prison, all suspended except for two days, with credit for

two days of time served. She was placed on probation for six months. She was ordered to pay a \$200 fine and \$25 court assessment fee.

Kaipat, who has no criminal history, was required to write letters of apology to Yin Wang Cabrera and police officers Kui Rogopes and Peter Seman.

She was required to submit to an alcohol and drug assessment and is prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol or controlled substances during her probation.

According to police Kaipat argued with the owner of I Love Massage, Yin Wang Cabrera, on June 4, 2015, demanded to use the phone, and refused to leave the establishment when asked to, becoming belligerent and requiring an employee of I Love Massage to call the police.

Police said that Kaipat hit police officer Seman several times on the chest and once on the throat, scratched Rogopes' face, and threatened to kill the officers and their families.

One officer tried to escort Kaipat out but she refused to leave and became uncooperative. When Seman asked the parlor's owner if she wanted to file a formal complaint, Kaipat grabbed the officer's right shoulder, turned him around and yelled at him not to force the owner to make a complaint.

Seman tried to secure Kaipat in handcuffs, but she allegedly resisted and struggled with the three officers.

During the struggle, Kaipat allegedly tried to grab Rogopes' gun from its holster, but a bystander yelled that the defendant was trying to get the gun. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Cavanagh slams alleged secret meeting of BSI, DPL, lawmakers

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Mariana Resort & Spa general manager Gloria Cavanagh isn't pleased with rumors that Best Sunshine International, Ltd. has presented a blueprint that shows the current public land it leases in Marpi as part of the exclusive casino licensee's integrated resort.

"We have become aware of a recent reports that Best Sunshine has been meeting with some CNMI legislators in closed-door private sessions and that there have been secretive meetings between Best Sunshine and Department of Public Land officials regarding the Mariana Resort property," Cavanagh said.

The Mariana Resort general manager said the secret meetings involve nine lawmakers.

"We are concerned as to whether the fate of our establishment is going to be subject to a process that is improper

and unfair, and not in the best interests of the people of the CNMI and their families," said Cavanagh.

DPL has announced that it would offer for bidding all existing public land leases that are close to expiration.

"The CNMI needs a diverse economy with different investors. There is plenty of land in the CNMI to accommodate new businesses, like Best Sunshine.

For 37 years, Kan Pacific has been a responsible and valuable tenant that has provided hundreds of jobs and millions of tax dollars and lease revenue. Forcing Kan Pacific out of business for a speculative venture is economically irresponsible, and doing so would not be in the best interests of the CNMI community," Cavanagh said.

Kan Pacific owns Mariana Resort & Spa.

"Clearly and logically, the interests of the people of the CNMI and their families would

best be served by having new businesses like Best Sunshine join the established ones, like Mariana Resort & Spa, who have been in the community and have proven themselves to be trustworthy reliable tenants and valuable assets to the community. Renewing Kan Pacific's lease is economically responsible, makes good sense, and is in the best interest of the CNMI," she added.

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» **Alleged blueprint includes Kan Pacific lease as part of integrated resort**

One week left to register for FEMA aid

Monday marks one week left for Typhoon Soudelor survivors on Saipan to register for help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The deadline is Monday, Oct. 5.

FEMA Individual Assistance is available to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens who have disaster-related damages on Saipan.

"People must register to get

help," said federal coordinating officer Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr. "We don't want anyone to lose benefits just by not registering."

Survivors can apply for assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 800-621-3362. People with speech or hearing disabilities and who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can also call 800-621-3362, but those who use TTY should call 800-462-7585. **(FEMA)**

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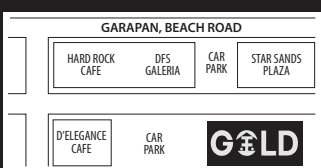
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is pursuing a new lease with a commitment of some \$30 million in added investment.

Other hotels with land leases that are close to expiring are Fi-

esta Resort and Spa Saipan and Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan in San Antonio, and Kanoa Resort in Susupe.

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Funding of casino panel tied to passage of casino law amendment

The continued funding of the Commonwealth Casino Commission is tied to an amendment to the casino law that is scheduled to be heard by the House of Representatives in a session today.

That bill, House Bill 19-95, allows the commission to retain and use the regulatory fees it charges as the funding mechanism for the commission's regulatory function. The bill was deferred after some lawmakers asked for more time to review the bill last Thursday.

The regulatory fees needed to fund the commission are separate and apart from the general fund for appropriations. Currently, the Legislature has identified \$1,000 for the commission in a proposed budget bill under review by the Executive Branch.

Commission chair Juan Reyes, in a letter to the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, said these changes are "required quickly if the commission is to retain its current employees who were hired on 90-day employment contracts" and to pay existing operation expenses.

Those 90-day contracts are expected to expire by end of October, *Saipan Tribune* learned. Without the bill, the commission's executive director, Edward C. Deleon Guerrero, could halt operations altogether, but not before also signaling casino operations to end. That would be the drastic option, *Saipan Tribune* learned, but the director could also have the commissioners, himself, and legal

counsel to continue regulatory oversight of island's exclusive casino licensee, Best Sunshine International, Ltd.

Before it was deferred to a session this week, House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) noted the importance of the bill, saying it would authorize the commission to issue such fees to fund their operations and "ensure the public interest to monitor and regulate the casino is done."

"The commission employees are currently under 90-day contract," Deleon Guerrero said Thursday. "If they are not provided with the authority to use the funds, those contracts will expire, and it would possibly jeopardize our ability to regulate the industry."

Salary increase

The bill also proposes to increase the commissioner's terms and compensations. The bill will extend terms from four to six years. That will "save money on training while also" providing stability and continuity, says Reyes in his letter.

The bill will grant casino commissioners a compensation level at \$65,000 per year. Currently, they are paid \$20 an hour.

In comparison, the Rota gaming commissioners get \$60,000 per year, while the Tinian gaming commissioners are compensated \$75,000 per year with fringe benefits.

HB 19-95 will also allow the commission to track revenues and ensure that unsuitable activities do not gain a foothold

in the Commonwealth or in the industry by giving the commission maximum regulatory authority over "casino service providers" and authorize the commission to license those "directly or indirectly related" to casino gaming activities, writes Reyes in his letter.

The bill, among many other provisions, will exempt the commission from portions of

the Administrative Procedures Act and the Open Meetings and Records Act to protect the "sensitive personal and financial information" obtained in their regulatory investigations.

The bill also provides that the commission and its employees be deemed "essential" for government shutdown purposes during austerity periods. (**Den- nis B. Chan**)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy birthday greetings to my fireman, Stanley S. Santos! Daddy Craig, Esper, and I want to wish you a very happy birthday and many more birthdays to come. We wish good health and more love coming your way. We miss and love you. Hope you enjoyed your day and see you soon. Hugs and kisses flying your way so we hope you catch it!

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Tinian mayor thanks delegation for assistance

Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas commends the Tinian Legislative Delegation for their recent assistance in procuring much needed maintenance equipment for several of Tinian's government departments and the Tinian Guesthouse.

"There are many government agencies on Tinian that are un-

derfunded and do not have funds to purchase basic maintenance equipment. I am thankful that the Tinian Legislative Delegation has assisted CCA and the Fire Department with what I consider to be basic maintenance needs."

Using their legislative accounts, the delegation purchased a water blaster and bush

cutter for both CCA and the Tinian Fire Department. The TLD also donated two washers and dryers for the Tinian Guesthouse on Saipan, which houses medical patients from Tinian.

"This assistance could not have come at a better time given the aftermath of Soudelor. We have very sick residents who cannot physically withstand the long wait at the laundromats,"

said San Nicolas.

Carla San Nicolas, director of the Tinian Guesthouse, also expressed her appreciation to the TLD. "The new washers and dryers will definitely make life easier for our patients who don't have the ability to wait the long lines at the laundromats. On their behalf, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Tinian Delegation for their assistance." (**PR**)

BUDGET

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ure to get a budget done by Sept. 1. The order labeled "all" Commonwealth Ports Authority, Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and Public School System services as essential. It limited the Judiciary to one associate judge to conduct Gerstein and bail hearings, and one clerk to assist the associate judge.

For the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, the order deemed employees under the Division of Youth Services and Child Protection Units to be essential.

The order provided an extensive list of "essential" Department of Public Health employees. This included clinic, surgery, communications, emergency, housekeeping, labor and delivery, and nursing services, among others.

The order labeled several units of the Department of Public Safety as "on-call." That included the Criminal Investigation Bureau and Boating Safety Unit. The order limited to no more than nine firefighters per shift for the then-Fire Division, and limited to no more than eight officers per shift for the Police Division, among others.

The Northern Marianas College's instructional and support staff were deemed "essential."

Compromise budget

The proposed budget left the House and Senate with the following "compromises," among others:

■ The conferees agreed to modify the Marianas Visitors

Authority budget to fund the following: \$1,802,403 for Department of Public Work streetlights, \$200,000 for stationary x-ray machine for the Saipan airport; \$225,000 for a container and loose cargo x-ray machine for the seaport; \$75,000 for a handheld x-ray scanner for the seaport; and \$200,000 for the Mayor of Saipan for cleanup and beautification projects.

■ The conferees agreed to restore the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s utilities subsidy in the amount of \$2.02 million. It was first moved to fund Senate provisions like law enforcers' pay raises and salary increases for department heads, among others.

■ The conferees agreed to the Senate's funding level for the first and second senatorial districts. That gives Rota \$6,490,731, and Tinian \$6,603,976. In the House's original bill, Rota and Tinian got \$5,967,774, and \$5,967,734, respectively.

■ The conferees agreed to the Senate version of the funding level for the Legislative Branch, which is \$5,959,451. This is a boost from the House's proposed \$5,612,125. Under this, both House and Senate get a "leadership account" of \$300,000—a 67-percent increase from the original House proposal of \$179,387.

■ The conferees agreed to fund the following salary increases: \$62,000 for the special assistant for the Office of Management and Budget, from \$54,000; 5-percent increase for all law enforcement officers; \$45,000 for resident department heads for Rota and Tinian, from an annual pay of \$36,000; and

\$45,000 for the deputy commissioners for Rota and Tinian.

■ The conferees agreed to the Senate's version of the reprogramming authority provision, which provides the CNMI governor with 100 percent reprogramming authority within the Executive Branch. This also gives 100 percent reprogramming authority to the chief justice of the Judiciary, and the same to the mayors of Tinian, Saipan, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

■ The conferees agreed to delete in its entirety Section 713. Violations of spending limits, which would fine those who violates the budgeting act.

■ The conferees agreed to allocate additional funds to the Judiciary for the creation of a Drug Court.

■ The conferees agreed to the Senate version of Section 608. Emergency Operation Plan, which compensates "Response Activity Coordinators" for time and attendance. Compensation is straight time at the employee's regular rate and charged to the government's emergency account.

Budget breakdown

Under the Legislature's proposed budget for next fiscal year, the Judiciary gets \$4.86 million. The Legislature gets \$4.96 million. The offices of the governor and lieutenant governor get \$4.96 million.

The Department of Commerce gets \$1.31 million. The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs gets \$1.8 million. The Department of Correction gets \$3.87 million. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services gets \$2.97 million. The

Finance Department gets \$4.42 million. The Labor Department gets \$850,153. Lands and Natural Resources gets \$2.62 million. The Department of Public Safety gets \$5.08 million. Public Works gets \$2.34 million.

In total, the Executive Branch gets \$30.22 million.

The first senatorial district, Rota, gets \$6.49 million, while the second senatorial district, Tinian and Aguiguan, get \$6.6 million. The third senatorial district, Saipan and the Northern Islands, gets \$2.26 million.

Boards and commissions get \$1.38 million.

Independent programs get \$44.31 million. This includes money for retirees and Medicaid.

Under other programs, the Public School System gets \$36.26 million while the Board of Education gets \$190,194. The Northern Marianas College gets \$4.42 million for general operations. The Marianas Visitors Authority gets \$1. The CHC subsidy is allotted at \$2.86 million.

The MVA, though, as the CNMI's tourism agency, gets millions of funding from hotel occupancy tax earmarks and other sources. The hotel tax funding was projected and earmarked at about \$12 million by Inos before the Legislature modified this program money and cut about \$2.5 million for other agencies.

The general fund grand total is \$145.82 million. For the first time, it gives 25 percent of total funds to PSS and the Board of Education, after the passage of a legislative initiative last year that mandated that share for PSS.

GIRL

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day at 6:22pm to a report of an auto-pedestrian crash involving a child. The accident happened on the driveway of a residence along As Perdido Road.

Officers arrived at the scene at 6:30pm. An ambulance rushed the victim to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room.

Police learned that the driver was backing off her driveway in her purple 1997 Nissan Pathfinder when she accidentally struck her niece, who was standing behind the car.

Traffic investigators responded to the scene and to CHC, where they took photos.

The vehicle had no damage. "This case is under further in-

vestigation," Tarkong said.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said medics from Koblerville Fire Station were dispatched to the scene after receiving a 911 call about the accident on Thursday at 6:26pm.

Gersonde said emergency medical technicians came upon the child, who was being cradled by a family member.

Gersonde said the girl was not breathing and had a weak pulse.

While being transported to CHC, the girl's condition deteriorated, prompting emergency medical technicians to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Upon arrival at CHC's emergency room, CPR was continued. A doctor later pronounced the girl dead.

MAN

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don A. Castro.

SEAS officers safely secured Castro's wife and their two children, a 9-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

Acting DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said that police officers responded to Afetnas after receiving a call about the hostage taking on Saturday at 10:42pm. Tarkong said that Castro was inside the house and was pointing a knife to the neck of his 26-year-old wife.

Castro allegedly threatened that he would kill his wife if police would not leave the area. The suspect also refused to release his two children. Witnesses said that Castro kept threatening police that he will harm his family and himself if they did not leave him alone.

Castro's behavior was violent and erratic, prompting the officers to pull back and call for backup. DPS Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation detectives, SEAS officers, assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda, and DPS legal counsel John Cook also responded to the scene.

During the standoff, police identified two officers who knew Castro personally and they utilized these two officers to talk to him. The strategy worked, Tarkong said, as the officers managed to calm down Castro, who became more receptive to negotiations.

SEAS officers then jumped in and arrested Castro.

The report did not mention the reason behind the hostage-taking.

Last July, a three-hour drama occurred on the third floor of Feng Hua Store in San Jose when Alfred Jacob Teregeyo allegedly grabbed two machetes from the store, threatened to kill his wife, then barricaded himself before surrendering to police. The case is pending in Superior Court.

In July 2013, former archaeologist Herman C. Tudela Jr. staged a seven-hour standoff with authorities and threatened to kill two women. The standoff ended when members of DPS Tactical Response Enforcement Team swooped into the house and arrested Tudela and rescued his 10-year-old son. In June 2014, Tudela pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months in prison.

Saipan quarterly inflation rate decreases by 2.1 pct.

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The Central Statistics Division of the Department of Commerce has released its Consumer Price Index report for the first quarter of 2014 to the first quarter of 2015.

According to initial information released, the 2015 first quarter CPI report for Saipan showed a quarterly inflation rate decrease of 2.1 percent.

The full report is yet to be uploaded to the department's website.

Other initial data for Saipan showed that transportation had the greatest decrease, negative 8.0 percent, compared to the last quarter. Those under the category "other goods and services" continued to show the largest increase compared to the last quarter, which is now at 4.3 percent.

For Tinian, a 0.9 percent decrease was shown under the all items quarter inflation. During the last quarter, the apparel and food categories had the largest increase with a rise of 2.4 and 1.6 percent, respectively.

For Rota, the report showed "negligible change" from the previous quarter, while the other goods and services category showed the largest increase of 2.3 percent.

The statistical information reflected in the CPI publication contains information that measure quarterly changes in prices of a fixed basket of goods and services, which represents purchases by households in the CNMI.

Other than the categories mentioned, alcoholic beverage, housing and utilities, medical care, education, and recreation were also studied.

The report also shows the annual inflation rates as well as the average price comparisons of selected items across the three islands.

"Despite predominant ur-

gencies, shortage of capacity and resources, and the recent devastation by the typhoon, my CSD staff continue to strive to meet the benchmarks as set forth in the Statistical Act in publishing mandated quarterly reports," Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman said.

According to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CPI report is "an essential tool for the public, the business community and my fellow policymakers to use as a guide when making important and sound decisions."

Inos said the "fluctuations of the index shown in the report reflect increases and decreases of prices of goods and services in the Commonwealth that are mostly influenced by produc-

ers outside the NMI, therefore making us more vulnerable to the most subtle changes in the markets out there, most especially the price of oil, which affects the cost of shipping and

over all prices of these landed goods and services."

The report will be available to the public at <http://commerce.gov.mp/divisions/central-statistics/>.

CNMI CARE gets logo, website

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REPORTER

The CNMI Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts is working on their logo and website to further promote the group's advocacy for long-term recovery.

According to CNMI CARE communications and resource development subcommittee member Glen Hunter, the design of the logo was crowd-sourced through Facebook and they were able to get 10 submissions.

"From those submissions, the committee got together and we narrowed it down. Somebody gave us an idea of the parts of the flag broken apart being put back together. At the same time, somebody sent us an image, a sketch by his daughter, the parts of the flag being put together," Hunter said.

In the logo, three human figures are rebuilding and arranging the symbols in the CNMI flag that includes the latte stone, the mwar-mwar, and the star.

"Right away we knew that

was a good depiction of what CARE represented," Hunter said.

An AmeriCorps representative, Daniel Burch, helped the subcommittee further develop the sketch.

A website dedicated to the group has also been created but is still in its infancy stage.

Hunter said the website, www.cnmicare.com, will be used as information sharing for the survivors to get relief and recovery assistance.

"The website is also to showcase what's happening out here. To let the world know we are still in recovery phase, we are still actually in relief phase, and that we still need an extensive amount of help globally," Hunter said.

Hunter said it is easy for those from outside the island to forget the disaster that has happened in Saipan.

"We can use the website to pump up that message and send that message out there that we still need help and we're still recovering, we still need relief support," he said.

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CHCC, CORE host fourth mobile clinic



An AmeriCares doctor takes a look at a patient's feet during the mobile clinic at the Carolinian Utt on Saturday.
JAYSON CAMACHO

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and the Community Outreach Recovery Efforts held yet another successful mobile clinic this past weekend, this time at the Carolinian Utt in Garapan.

The mobile clinic, which lasted from 1pm to 5pm, provided free medical services to more than 30 people.

"We're doing home visits and bringing the clinic into the villages [for people] to get flu vaccines and other immunization vaccines that are required. We have AmeriCares working with us and facilitating our immunizations and medical outreach," said Warren Villagomez, CHCC hospital emergency and preparedness program director.

"We're thankful for CORE and they are doing a great job and providing us with data on

what is going on in the community. ... We will be continuing the mobile clinic because we still haven't visited other villages," he added.

The first mobile clinic was held in Tanapag, followed by another in Chalan Kanoa, and the third one in Kolberville. So far the mobile outreach has benefited hundreds.

According to Villagomez, the vaccines for the general population are not yet in. CHCC is administering what they currently have but there isn't much for the whole population, Villagomez said, so they are targeting those who need it most first and emergency responders.

"We are right now in Tier 1 mode [first responders and those needing medical attention right away] and then we will move on to the rest of the community," he said.

About 80 percent of first

responders have already been immunized.

As for the general community, Villagomez said there isn't any set number yet but they have already immunized hundreds.

During mobile clinics, patients are given medical help such as wound dressings, body checks, blood pressure check, and sugar level check, among others.

CORE coordinator Mami Ikeda said that they have done home visits as well.

"We go out and do home visits, providing supplies. At the same time we have volunteer nurses going out to different places near the mobile clinic and giving medical attention to those who can't come," Ikeda said. "They get flu shots if necessary and fix all the dressings if they have wounds. We have a team of doctors and nurses today from AmeriCare, providing care in home visits as well as the mobile clinic."

CORE has about 10 people under the Medical Reserve Corps, which helps the hospital when it reaches out to the community.

AmeriCares emergency response manager Kate Dischino said that they have three registered nurses, one doctor, a physician assistant, and a nurse practitioner during the mobile clinic.

Dischino noted that other AmeriCares members are doing home visits.

"We were requested through the Commonwealth Health Center to help. So we were helping in addressing the increased volume at the hospital and helping treat people to take the workload off. We also participate in meetings with the Emergency Operation Center including the government and Federal Emergency Management Agency," Dischino said.

AmeriCares is an emergency response and global health organization. Dischino said that they serve over 90 countries and that they are on island to respond to typhoon survivors and provide care. They will be leaving by mid-October.



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Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Monday, October 05, 2015 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Board Conference Room 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Bldg. (Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

- A. Preliminary Matters
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of 7/2/15 meeting minutes
 5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)
- B. Public Hearings
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-2664: B&K Corporation dba: Mariana Breeze is proposing to process distilled wines and liquors for retailing and wholesaling. This use is classified as "Manufacturing & Processing" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is situated on Lot 330R-2, on Beach Road, San Jose, between the Borja Funeral Home and the Killi Killi Beach park. It is zoned as Village Commercial.
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-2143: Pacific Corporation is proposing to operate an auto/ machinery shop to include general maintenance, repairs, body work, painting, rustproofing, car washing & detailing, lubrication, and muffler shop. This use is classified as "Vehicle Repair, General" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This proposal will be situated on lot 1865 New-5 along Chalan Pale Arnold, behind Pacific Airconditioning and adjacent to Blue Water Homes. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-3075: Capital Saipan Corporation dba: Jungle Tour ATV is proposing to operate All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) between Ladder Beach and Obyan Beach areas. This use is classified as "Amusement Outdoor, Intensive" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. The ATVs will be parked on lot 043 L 128 next to Ladder Beach. These areas are zoned as Rural.
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-3101: "C" Pacific Corporation is proposing to operate a light auto repair shop. This use is classified as "Gas Station Light Repair" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located on TR 22912 NEW-R1 in San Antonio along Beach Road. This area is zoned as Village Commercial.
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-3085: Castle Project (CNM), LLC has proposed to renovate and utilize existing warehouse structures formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15 & 030 B 13. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.
 - Conditional Use Application #2015-3086: Imperial Pacific International (CNM), LLC dba: Grand Mariana Casino & Hotel Resort is proposing to amend its previous Conditional Use Permit #2015-0919 to increase the number of rooms, increase the height, and decrease parking spaces. This project is located within the Samoan Housing area, situated between Fiesta Resort and Joeten Hafadai Shopping Center. These lots are zoned as Tourist Resort.
- C. Communications
- D. Old Business
- E. New Business
- F. Executive (Closed) Session
- G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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3 men arrested, 1 hunted for various offenses

Police arrested three men on Friday, while another one is still being hunted, for allegedly committing various criminal offenses on Saipan.

Arrested were Franklin C. Crisostomo, 35; Anthony M. Palacios, 31; and Carl Aldan, 18.

Still at large is Patrick Muna, who has an outstanding warrant of arrest for theft and his bail is \$1,250 cash, according to Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Jason Tarkong.

Crisostomo was served with an arrest warrant at his residence on Capital Hill for allegedly receiving stolen property. A \$20,000 cash bail was imposed.

Palacios was served with an arrest warrant at Sonoda



Crisostomo



Aldan



Palacios



Muna

Apartments in Garapan for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, and domestic violence. A

\$5,000 was bail was imposed.

Aldan was arrested in San Antonio for theft. His bail is \$5,000 cash.

Anyone who spots Muña should call 911, or contact Crime Stoppers hotline 234-7272 if they want to remain anonymous, Tarkong said.

Tarkong said no injuries were reported throughout the process of arresting Crisostomo, Palacios, and Aldan.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho and Teresa Kim-Tenorio issued the arrest warrants for the four suspects. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Tony Barner is new EVP of Century Insurance

Antonio “Tony” Barner has been appointed as the new executive vice president of Century Insurance Group and Century Insurance Guam. He will be based at the CIC headquarters in Guam.



Barner

Barner is a Chartered Insurance Operations Professional and holds a Masters of Public Administration from the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University. He brings over 22 years of experience in finance and insurance.

Barner’s career started at the Bank of America as a commercial lender. He then moved to

the insurance industry joining the Office of Insurance and Fire Safety Commissioner of Georgia in Atlanta in 1996. He worked as a senior financial analyst where he was responsible for monitoring the financial solvency and compliance of all the Georgia life and health, health maintenance organization, and provider sponsored healthcare corporations operating within the state along with monitoring select reinsurers for financial solvency. He later became the Head of the Limited Risk Entities section of the insurance

department.

In 2000, Barner became the director of Compliance and was later promoted to chief operating officer for Grammercy Insurance Co. of Dallas, Texas. Under his strategic planning Grammercy Insurance gained access to 31 new state and numerous international markets. Also during his tenure, Grammercy secured three A.M. Best rating updates within an 18-month period. He also increased their capital and built a profitable operation. **(CIC)**



NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

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B&K Corporation dba: Mariana Breeze

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Erika Tenorio
Reservations Clerk



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'Happy Birthday' ruling a gift

A federal judge's ruling that "Happy Birthday to You" is not under copyright, or at least not under one held by publisher Warner/Chappell Music, means that one of the most popular songs in the English language may belong to the public after all. That won't affect the people who sing it at private birthday parties; Warner/Chappell hadn't tried to collect royalties from them. But it will be a boon to filmmakers, TV studios and others who have paid an estimated \$2 million annually in licensing fees to use the song commercially, even if they're just depicting people at a birthday party singing it.

Independent filmmakers initiated the lawsuit that led to the decision, arguing that the publishing company didn't hold a valid copyright to the song's simple lyrics (the copyright over the melody, which was written in 1893, expired in 1949). Judge George H. King agreed, holding that the copyright that Warner/Chappell purchased in 1988 covered a piano arrangement of the song, not the lyrics.

King's ruling left unsettled whether someone else out there holds a copyright to the lyrics. If it belongs to the song's composers, sisters Patty and Mildred Hill, the lyrics would pass into the public domain 70 years after the last sister's death in 1945. That would free up the lyrics at the beginning of next year.

Nevertheless, the case illustrates some of the problems Congress has caused by granting ever-longer copyright terms while setting an ever-lower bar for works to qualify for and keep that protection. It's unusual for a work that old to be involved in this sort of dispute; a much more common fate for aging works still under copyright protection is that they're not available in any form—often because the correct copyright holder can't be identified and potential users don't want to run the risk of being sued.

That's not to say that works should rapidly morph into public property, or that the copyrights covering enormously popular songs should be canceled just because they've become part of the culture. Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." shouldn't suddenly belong to everyone in the U.S.A. Copyrights play a vital role in giving people an incentive to create original works, without which there would be no culture.

But certainly in this instance, there is something delicious about a song with the most prosaic of lyrics—and one that is part of an American ritual of celebration spanning all ages, genders, social classes and ethnic groups—finally belonging to everyone, at least for now. That's worth singing about.

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I did the rounds, performed the necessary oblations, genuflected to the idols and icons of the systems, and quietly waited for the word to come down if our application to teach at PSS was seriously entertained. Not a word. We graciously attributed the missed communications on Soudelor, the convenient excuse for all our wayward proclivities.

Cha-Cha's Mr. de la Cruz revealed that he called my number a few times but he was told that I was in China. Fair enough, I failed to instruct my wards to take messages and the names of callers and their numbers, and if they wanted me to call back pronto. He offered the Social Studies position he was to talk to me about to someone else.

A position was advertised for SSHS. One conversant in world geography and history was a stroll down my alley. I applied and was interviewed. I waited. Soudelor's came, so I went over to PSS central when they finally generated power. I was directed by HR to check back with the school. I did. The school said it was an HR affair. I went back to HR and was told that I was not recommended. I would have preferred to receive the word from the horse's mouth without my chasing rainbows, but that's sour graping.

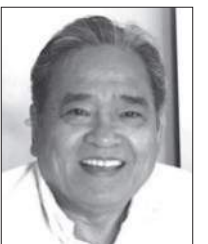
So I focused on my own business, *dba* Waterbear Language Studio and Earthbound Enterprises, until my NMC neighbor thought my experience in Natural Resource Management, Social Sciences, and Language and Humanities should be made available in the classroom. I went to NMC's NRM head who noticed I did not have the science credentials. I went to the Social Science department but they did not need anyone save an expert in careers. The Language and Humanities Department was happy to see me. I was immediately marched to HR and I thought that today, Monday, I would be in the classroom. HR evaluated my transcripts. I had done master's level study in Texas for theology, graduate studies in English in North Carolina, but the bachelor's degree that the department head was banking on was earned in the Philippines. By requirement (WASC accreditation is the suspect), it had to be evaluated by an independent third party. Absence of such evaluation meant that I did not qualify. No malice was intended; everyone was going by the book.

The ego was bruised to think that we were not conversant enough in global history, geography and current events on the one hand, and non-academically qualified to teach English on the other. The affront was mellowed when I was told that the social studies field was awash with entry-level talents and it was just a matter of economics. The system could get two for the price of one! A cynic, however, added, "It's not what you know; it's who you know." I shan't submit to that measure.

I told friends that I was too old for anger, just sad, upended "by

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the book." I definitely belonged to an older era when what one knew and did was more important than whether one had a U.S.-stamped sheepskin in his possession.

I looked forward to bantering with middle and high school minds, or dealing with language-challenged foreign students at NMC, but the opportunity for regular discourse did not arise. A former student in Zhejiang south of Shanghai opined when I decided to forego formal teaching: "It is just as well; now, you can focus on the language studio." Yes, I can.

That I am not on PSS or NMC's employ is not the focus of this reflection, never mind that the hiring procedure at NMC smacks of hard wood, IMHO. I do care for education. I am not in conversation with PSS curriculum folks but what is obvious is the advent of digitized technology overwhelming the rest of ordinary society, and the universe of the young.

I was interviewed at SSHS in a room full of boxes of game consoles. Since I left PSS in '08, Kilili enabled digital technology for students. Tablets are common equipment in middle and high schools, and everyone has a smartphone in their pocket. Human conversations have been reduced to shrieks in the hallway for those going through puberty; glued to the PDA is more than a fad.

Like any other age, technology is servant to content. It harkens to the experience of objective impressions brought by five senses, reflective emotional response shaped by one's upbringing and the social milieu that fertilized one's growth, the interpretive cognition in dialogue with others through symbols and words, history and philosophy, and intentional behavior to reflect a compassionate intent and a comprehensive context for actions and deeds.

Technology is a tool, a wonderful tool that I had not forsaken but I must confess, after the MacBook Pro, I am a dinosaur. Still, Siri cannot replace the human voice in the pedagogy of profound humanness. I am a child of the Earthrise, and I refuse to be cowed by the shuttling to the side the vestiges of sage. If we do not qualify just because our academic degree earned in a non-U.S. institution in the mid-60s "by the book" has to be evaluated, then bureaucracy just nurses paper reach. I just teach.

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Shameless

Senate President Victor Hocog (R-Rota) said it perfectly when he told the media that “greed” caused the budget impasse between the Senate and the House of Representatives, although he’s pointing in the wrong direction.

The two chambers eventually reached a compromise, professing that dealing with a problematic budget—one wherein lawmakers shamelessly gave themselves more money while earmarks for the CNMI’s prime industry of tourism was, essentially, reduced by \$2.5 million—is much better than having a partial government shutdown.

The 5-percent salary increase for law enforcement officers is perfect cover for a Senate-hatched increase in legislative leadership account, additional funding and hiring on Rota and Tinian, and salary increases for other government personnel.

Each senator alone gets to spend whichever way they want nearly \$150,000 in one year. That includes the (thankfully) constitutionally capped \$39,300 in annual salary for each lawmaker, \$33,000 in leadership fund assuming that each of the nine senators equally benefits from the padded \$300,000 leadership account for each chamber, and \$74,822 in discretionary fund for each lawmaker (which is used to hire their own personnel or buy office equipment).

This is the same Senate under Hocog’s leadership that erroneously passed their own budget bill version even before adopting a resolution concurring with the governor’s spending cap of \$145 million for fiscal year 2016, and one that proposes a constitutional change so that revenue-generating bills can also originate from the Senate.

The Senate seemed to have played well the House of Representatives—and the public—on the 2016 budget bill. Kudos to Reps. Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) and Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan)

for not blindly accepting the budget bill that was eventually sent to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who turned 66 on Sept. 26. While other members expressed apprehension about the budget bill, they voted “yes” anyway, to help prevent a shutdown.

Here’s to hoping that the governor would at least line-item veto parts of the budget bill that are deemed unconstitutional, problematic, unjustified or reeking of “greed.”

The governor may also suggest, in his transmittal letter, separate legislation that could address problematic parts of the budget bill, including standalone bills for salary increases of law enforcement officers and the purchase of x-ray machines for the Customs Services Division as well as the salary raises for other government personnel.

After all, it’s time that the current Legislature pass revenue generation and cost-reduction bills and other sensible measures.

In the first nine months of the year, the 19th House and Senate managed to pass only seven bills that merited the governor’s signature. Other good bills are gathering dust in committees. Of the seven that became law, five originated from the nine-member Senate and two from the 20-member House. The first one was about setting the time for the Legislature’s organizational sessions, followed by naming Saipan as the CNMI’s official capital.

This Legislature amended the price freeze law to further deter price gouging in times of disasters and later amended the excise tax law to exempt generators and household appliances from excise tax for the duration of disaster declaration. Both were passed and signed into law in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor’s devastation.

The fifth one makes it unlawful for anyone under the influence of alcohol to operate a vessel on CNMI waters, while the sixth one amends insurance law for motorist coverage. And lastly, a law now

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mandates the election of a public school teacher representative as a non-voting teacher representative on the Board of Education.

As the governor’s office stated this weekend, the governor “did encourage the Legislature to continue on track to work on revenue generating bills.”

There are also sensible bills that have already been introduced but yet to pass the House and Senate, including criminalizing the resale of items originally bought from the troops store, clarifying the Marianas Visitors Authority’s licensing process and providing the Department of Finance the authority to revoke the business license of any person or business that fails to comply with tour guide and tour operator licensing laws, using lapsed funds to partially pay the hospital’s utility debts, and allowing Customs to retain the fines it collected from ports of entry so it can buy its x-ray machines, train its people and cover its other operational and personnel costs, among others.

But then again, there are pending bills in both the House and Senate that shouldn’t see the light of day. In a way, having seven laws in nine months—out of 161 introduced so far—may be a blessing in disguise.

In ways we didn’t expect, Francis touches American hearts

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Since March 2013, when Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires became Pope Francis of the Universe, I’ve written about him at least 20 times. My first words, just a few hours after he’d been selected by his fellow churchmen in Rome, spoke of “a gentle warrior” who married the twin characteristics of the Jesuit soldier of Christ to the peaceful caretaker of all creatures great and small, whose name he’d adopted as a symbol of his mission. At that point, I had no idea how prophetic my words would be.

Francis has turned out to be a true warrior in his own fashion, sui generis, one of a kind. He has led his own stylistic revolution, maintaining the substance of a message two millennia in the making but wrapping it in cloth so dramatically different from his predecessor that some of us were tricked into believing he’d taken a detour from the established path to salvation.

I’m not afraid to say I’ve been one of them. As recently as last week in another publication, I suggested that this pope does not speak to me, even though the editors who put that incendiary title to my column missed the nuance of my intention. It is not that I’m deaf to his message. It is that I have to listen very closely to hear in it the comforting music played in my ears and heart since the moment I was christened with sanctified water and received under the arc of Heaven.

The final straw for me was the idea that women who’d had abortions were no longer automatically excommunicated, something that was announced

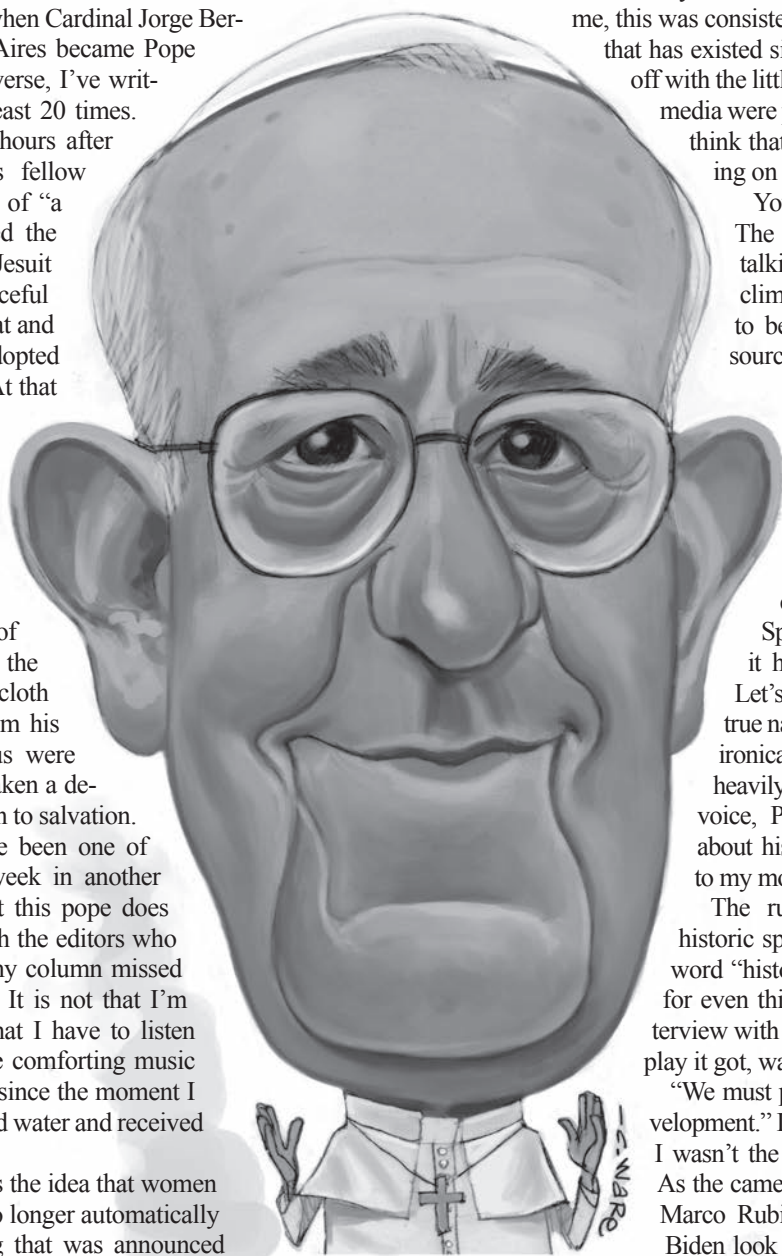
earlier this month and which clashed dramatically with my understanding of abortion as the greatest sin, the bloodiest wound on the face of humanity. As other, better Catholics pointed out to me, this was consistent with a pattern of forgiveness that has existed since the prodigal son wandered off with the little black sheep. Still, the way the media were playing this up, it angered me to think that we were somehow backtracking on abortion.

You can understand my concern. The pope had spent the summer talking about the sinful aspects of climate change, and exhorting us to be caretakers of the world’s resources. I’m not a climate change denier—far from it—but the state of the spotted owl didn’t trouble me as much as the life of a child.

But as I watched Francis deliver his address to Congress yesterday, something came over me. Call it the Holy Spirit, call it common sense, call it humility (OK, maybe not that). Let’s just say that I finally saw the true nature of this man, and did it quite ironically through a film of tears. In a heavily accented, halting and gentle voice, Pope Francis quelled my fears about his “radically different” approach to my mother church and its lessons.

The running theme throughout the historic speech, one that truly honors the word “historic” and shames the rest of us for even thinking that Caitlyn Jenner’s interview with Diane Sawyer deserved the airplay it got, was this simple truth:

“We must protect life at every stage of development.” I cried when I heard those words. I wasn’t the only one in tears, by the way. As the cameras scanned the audience, I saw Marco Rubio wipe his eyes, watched Joe Biden look toward heaven and his beloved



Beau in a personal moment (seeing him, perhaps?) was profoundly moved at the sight of John Lewis’ trembling lips. Those who either hate the church, or religion, or who are too hip to be touched by this type of transcendent moment might brush it off as a revival show, one that makes for “must-see TV” but that will ultimately have no impact on the nameless and the faceless in their communities.

I beg to differ. Pope Francis spoke of all the things that make us angry, make us shout, make us worry and make us doubt. He talked about the abolition of the death penalty, which was a pointed jab at U.S. policy since we are one of the few civilized countries that still have it on the books. He tested me there, because I support it as a right and a duty of society, but I’m willing to forswear my support for it if we do what the pope most eloquently, implicitly suggested: abolish the war crime of abortion.

I call it a “war crime,” because it is a tool of the true “war against women,” making our wombs the battle ground for some political and philosophical cause celebre. Instead of supporting pregnant mothers, instead of promoting adoption, we blithely cast the murder of unborn children as a convenient and feasible “choice.” This pope made no secret that we must protect life “at every stage.”

He also acknowledged that we Americans “are not fearful of foreigners because most of us were once foreigners,” and rejoiced with us that “for many, America continues to be a land of dreams.”

Yes, this pope went there. In a time when Donald Trump has seized the spotlight, and our throats, with his xenophobic rants, in a society where we still talk about building that mythical and impractical and inhuman wall against the world, Francis invited us to remember that what we should do unto others what we would have done unto us. He wasn’t saying that we should stand at the borders with visas and a job for all comers, drug runners included. He was simply reminding us that the immigrant experience helped create the dream that we hold as our birthright.

And he honored us by citing our great historic figures, creating what Chris Matthews quite eloquently (who would have thought it?) called a Mount Rushmore of Spirituality. He spoke of Lincoln’s freedom, of Martin Luther King’s quest for inclusion, of Dorothy Day’s service and of Thomas Merton’s redemption. He brought us the best of ourselves, in the chamber that often sees the shards and shreds of our worst.


Next stop, Philadelphia. All things considered, I’m glad I’ll be there.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 Mph.

▲88° ▼76°


TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

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WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

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THURSDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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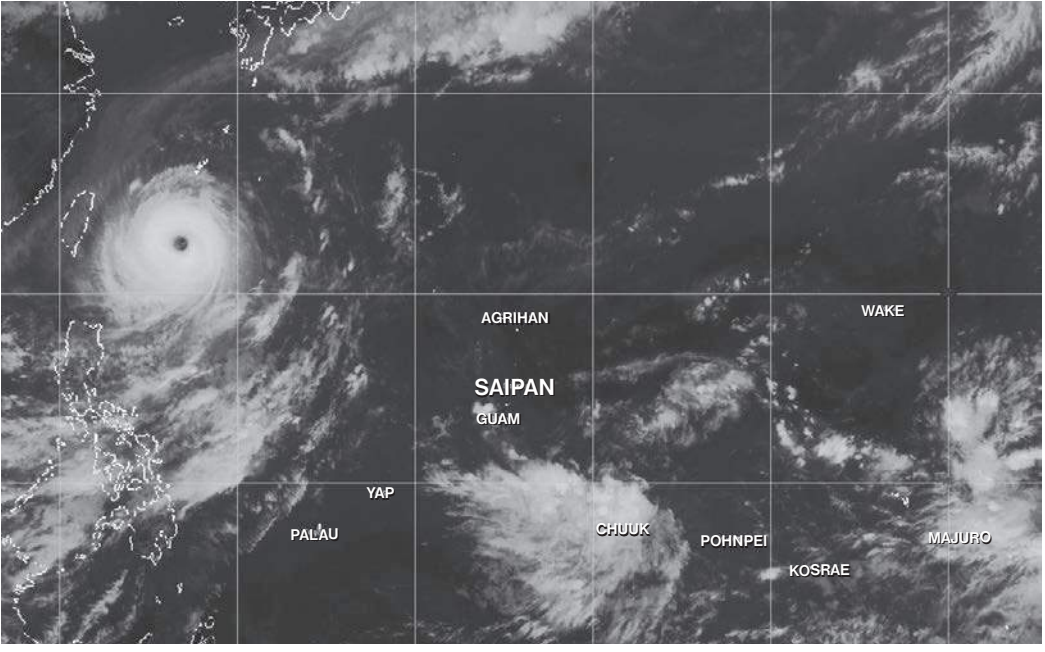
FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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Yesterday's Satellite Image




PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Dujan centered south of Okinawa near 22N127E is causing showers and thunderstorms west of a line from 24N131E to 19N131E. Farther southeast of Typhoon Dujan there are converging southwest winds causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in patchy areas north of Yap and Koror between 18N and 10N from 130E to 138E. A monsoon trough runs southeastward from 22N130E to between Rota and Tinian at 14N145E through a weak circulation centered northeast of Chuuk at 9N157E turning eastward through a disturbance northeast of Majuro at 11N176E to beyond 180 at 12N. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across Chuuk state are between 10N and 1N from 145E to 156E and north of Pohnpei within 60 miles of a line from 16N158E to 12N155E. Farther east, scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from north and east of Majuro to near Tarawa are within 150 miles of a line from 15N172E to 6N177E to EQ174E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼77
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Majuro	Cloudy	▲86	▼77

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Cloudy	▲59	▼48
Beijing	Fair	▲82	▼45
Hong Kong	Fair	▲88	▼73
Honolulu	Cloudy	▲81	▼70
London	Clear	▲51	▼46
Los Angeles	Clear	▲74	▼66
Manila	Mostly Cloudy	▲88	▼81
Melbourne	Fair	▲68	▼41
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	▲84	▼76
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼51
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	▲79	▼61
Paris	Sunny	▲49	▼44
Pusan	Fair	▲81	▼63
Rome	Fair	▲57	▼52
Salem	Cloudy	▲70	▼67
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲58	▼54
Seoul	Fair	▲82	▼37
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲73	▼66
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲63	▼53



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Saipan Harbor			
2:23 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
8:16 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
8:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:06 AM	6:09 PM
Tuesday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:08 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:07 PM
Friday	6:07 AM	6:06 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:19 PM	5:52 AM
Tuesday	7:10 PM	6:54 AM
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IT&E donates \$50,000 to school PTAs, non-profits

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REPORTER

IT&E handed out checks to several schools and parents-teachers associations on Saipan as part of efforts to help the community after Typhoon Soudelor.

Twenty-six schools received checks of various amounts from the telecommunications company at their Chalan Laulau Office last Friday.

"We sat down with the staff and we were discussing...how many organizations and people need help," chief operating officer John Compton said. "The unanimous, first answer out of everybody's mouths from the IT&E team was the kids."

"We're very happy to support the schools and the kids," he added.

The checks are part of the \$50,000 donations made by IT&E to the community, not only to schools but to other organizations such as the American Red Cross, Karidat, and Salvation Army.

Those who received the donations are Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Dandan Elementary School, Eucon International College, Garapan Elementary School, Grace Christian Academy, Green Meadow School, Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Kagman High School, Koblerville Elementary School, Hopwood Jr. High School, Mt. Carmel High School, Marianas High School, Oleai Elementary School, Saipan Community School, Saipan International School, Saipan Southern High School, Brilliant Star, Seventh-Day Adventist School, Sister Remedios Early Childhood Development, Tanapag Middle School, William S. Reyes Elementary School, Whispering Palms, San Antonio Middle School, and San Vicente Elementary School.

"On behalf of our students,



Rose A. Soledad, IT&E general manager; Velma Ann Palacios, IT&E head of Network; Janice A. Tenorio, IT&E Customer Service manager; John M. Compton, IT&E chief operating officer; and Steven Carrara, IT&E corporate legal counsel, pose with representatives of Parent Teacher Organization Association and other non-profit organizations.

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we're very grateful for IT&E's continued generosity to our school. Every day we find more things that need to be repaired, need to be replaced," MHS principal Cherylyn Cabrera said.

"We always work with the PTA and so usually as a PTA and a school, we want to involve everybody in the decision-making when it comes to donations or funding," said GTC principal Reina Bermudez.

According to IT&E general manager Rose Soledad, they continue to think of ways on how to improve their partnership with schools.

"This is a small start, an appreciation from IT&E," Soledad said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NDEAM postponed

Due to the Internet outage in July and Typhoon Soudelor in August and the resulting lack of power well into September, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation has decided to postpone the celebration of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, which will not be celebrated in October, as it usually is, and instead will coincide NDEAM activities with those during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March 2016. For more information contact OVR at (670) 322-6537/9 or 287-6548; fax: (670) 322-6548; email: nmidir@ovr.gov.net. (PR)

GOP general membership meeting set

The CNMI GOP president, James Ada, is calling for a GOP

general membership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at Minatchom Atdao. The meeting will start at 6pm on time. (PR)

Kagman High progress reports

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, Kagman High School will be sending home progress report cards with students. Parents and guardians are advised to ask your child for his or her progress report on Oct. 7. Parents and/or guardians are highly encouraged to contact KHS at 664-3870 for a schedule to meet your child's teacher(s). If parents want to affect change in their child's performance, the time to do it is with the release of the progress report. For more information, contact 664-3870 or email khsayuyu@kagman-high.org. (PR)

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Part of Best Sunshine International's corporate social responsibility is building a solid volunteer support system. On Saturday BSI senior vice president of operations Donald Browne and Imperial Pacific's chief services officer Tao Xing were joined by Garapan Elementary School's MyWAVE students in cleaning up Makaka Beach in Garapan.

Best Sunshine, volunteers clean up Makaka Beach

Best Sunshine International Ltd. employees led by senior vice president of operations Donald Browne and Imperial Pacific International chief services officer Tao Xing volunteered last Saturday to clean up the expanse of Makaka Beach in Garapan despite the rainy weather.

The MyWave Club of Garapan Elementary School, a 15-strong group of sixth graders led by coordinator Evelyn Alarcon, teamed up with the company in the cleanup. Fortifying the group were four members of the grappling team Team Roninz led by Joe Attao.

The cleanup attests to the willingness of the youth of Saipan to take an active part in projects and activities with Best Sunshine that involve beautifying the island and alleviating the extensive damage caused by Typhoon Soudelor.

For its part, Best Sunshine

continues to demonstrate its sincere commitment in supporting the causes of the Saipan community. The beach cleanup and employee assistance in cleanup and debris removal of their typhoon-ravaged homes are part of the weekly activities planned out by BSI's management and its CSR arm in building up a solid volunteer support system.

Browne said, "On behalf of Best Sunshine, I would like to thank Evelyn Alarcon and the students of the My Wave Club, Joe Attao and Team Roninz, and the Best Sunshine employees who assisted in the beach cleanup. We are committed to helping the Saipan community in any way we can. In the course of any attempt to do so, there will always be difficulties, big and small. A little rain won't stop us. Tackling difficulties as challenges instead of impassable barriers is what we aim to do." **(Press Release)**

WIOA Dislocated Worker Funding Program

If any of these categories apply to you, please contact WIA.

Category A: General Dislocated Workers. To qualify, an individual must meet the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment;
2. Is eligible for or has exhausted entitlement to unemployment compensation; OR has been employed or attached to the workforce for a duration sufficient to demonstrate to WIOA, but is not eligible for unemployment compensation due to insufficient earnings or having performed services for an employer that were not covered under a state unemployment compensation law; and
3. Is unlikely to return to a previous industry or occupation.

Category B: Plant Closure. To qualify, an individual must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Has been terminated or laid off, or has received a notice of termination or layoff, from employment as a result of any permanent closure of, or any substantial layoff at, plant, facility, or enterprise;
2. Is employed at a facility at which the employer has made a general announcement that such facility close within 180 days; or
3. For purpose of eligibility to receive services other than training, intensive or supportive services under WIOA, is employed at a facility at which the employer has made general announcement that such facility will close.

Category C: Self Employed or Unemployed. To qualify, an individual must meet the following criteria:

1. Was self employed (including employment as a farmer, a rancher, or a fisherman) but is unemployed as a result of general economic conditions in the community in which the individual resides or because of natural disasters.

Category D: is a displaced homemaker;

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER—The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who has been providing unpaid services to family members in the home and who—

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- (B) is unemployed or underemployed and is experiencing difficulty in obtaining or upgrading employment.

Category E:

1. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty (as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code), and who has experienced a loss of employment as a direct result of relocation to accommodate a permanent change in duty station of such member; or
2. Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria described in Displaced Homemaker Definition (B).

You may be able to qualify for services under WIOA's Dislocated Worker Funding Program. All other program eligibility requirements apply.

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Longer terms proposed for insular federal court judges

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) introduced Friday legislation to extend the term of office for U.S. District Court judges in insular areas from 10 to 15 years. The "U.S. Territorial Federal Judges Improvement Act of 2015" is co-sponsored by Delegates Madeline Bordallo (D-Guam) and Stacey Plaskett (D-U.S. Virgin Islands).

"Judges are expected to interpret the law and hand down their decisions without fear or favor, and regardless of public criticism or reprisal from the elected branches," Sablan said. "Longer terms are conducive to this standard of justice."

Sablan also is seeking the extended term to put the insular judges on a similar footing as other U.S. judges.

"The 15 years I am proposing for our insular U.S. District Court judges is the same term as other legislatively-established court judges, such as those of the U.S. Tax Court and Court of Federal Claims," Sablan said.

The U.S. Territorial Federal Judges Improvement Act of

2015 would apply to current federal district court judges in the Northern Marianas, Guam, and the Virgin Islands whose terms have not expired and to judges who are confirmed after the legislation's date of enactment.

Like all U.S. District Court judges, the judges serving in the insular areas are nominated by the President, usually with recommendations from the Members of Congress who represent the state in which the court is located. The President's nominee must then be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

In January 2011 Sablan recommended Ramona V. Manglona to President Obama to fill the court seat in the Northern Mariana Islands. The President accepted the recommendation, made the nomination, and Manglona was confirmed by the Senate in July 2011.

Manglona is the first person from the Northern Marianas to be so nominated and confirmed to the federal bench in the islands. **(Office of the Delegate)**

» Legislation would insulate judges from political pressure



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Dynasty current, ex-workers oppose move to dismiss suit

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Over 500 current and former foreign workers of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino have opposed the company owner's move to dismiss their lawsuit, asserting that they have good cause why service of their complaint was not timely made.

Alternatively, Mok asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to grant his clients' extension of time to serve Tinian Dynasty's owners with their lawsuit.

The workers allege that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied to them about their immigration legal status.

Hong Kong Entertainment

(Overseas) Investments Ltd. and Mega Stars Overseas Limited, through counsel Sean E. Frink, asked the court to dismiss the lawsuit due to delayed service of the summons and complaint.

Frink said the workers filed the lawsuit on Feb. 4, 2015, and that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure requires that, without good cause, service of the summons and complaint must be made upon each defendant within 120 days after the complaint is filed.

Frink said 120 days after Feb. 4, 2015, was June 4, 2015.

The lawyer said the service of the complaint and summons did not take place upon either defendant on or before June 4,

2015.

Instead, he said, despite an agreement between counsel made in March 2015 for simplified service of process upon counsel, Hong Kong Entertainment has not yet been served with either the original complaint or the first amended complaint and summons until Aug. 14, 2015.

The first amended complaint was filed on July 21, 2015.

In the workers' opposition, Mok agreed that the complaint was filed on Feb. 4 and that service of an amended complaint was not effectuated until Aug. 14, 2015.

However, Mok said, defen-

dants were very much aware of the reasons why plaintiffs did not serve the original complaint filed on Feb. 4, 2015, as counsel for the respective parties had been in communication since February 2015 regarding the lawsuit.

In fact, Mok said, during these communications, defendants' counsel had requested no less than two extensions of time to respond to the complaint. He said the first request was made on Feb. 11, 2015, about a week after the complaint was filed.

He said defendants' counsel had stated to his office that he was going off-island and wanted an additional month to respond to the complaint.

Mok said his office agreed out of courtesy that defendants' counsel could file a response to the complaint on March 20, 2015.

Mok said that, in early March 2015, counsel for the respective parties had a telephone conversation that plaintiffs' counsel intended to file an amended complaint in order to possibly add additional plaintiffs to the lawsuit as well as potentially new claims.

Mok said defendants' counsel made a second request to extend time to respond to the complaint in April 2015. Again, he said, the counsel indicated he was going off-island and wanted to ensure that he had enough time to respond. Once again, Mok said, his office agreed out of courtesy.

He said by keeping defendants' counsel apprised of the situation, his office was exercis-

ing good faith and courtesy in ensuring that wasted time and effort was not unnecessarily expended by all sides.

The plaintiffs alleged in their lawsuit that the owners and management of Tinian Dynasty lied that they were legally authorized to work despite the denial of their CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions.

The amended complaint adds a claim of constructive fraud against Tinian Dynasty's owner, Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas Investments Ltd., and HKE majority shareholder, Mega Stars Overseas Limited.

The lawsuit has 15 named plaintiffs and 500 unnamed co-plaintiffs.

Tinian Dynasty recently announced about the full closure of both the casino and the hotel before the end of this month.

Senate continues Inos' reprogramming authority

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The Senate adopted a joint resolution in its Friday session to authorize reprogramming authority for Gov. Eloy S. Inos in excess of limits set by prior law to give the government greater flexibility in disaster recovery efforts following Typhoon Soudelor and to meet the Commonwealth's cost-share for these efforts.

Senate Joint Resolution 19-04—adopted in an emergency session last Friday—states that the Commonwealth's initial estimated costs of \$20 million for typhoon recovery is now "anticipated to rise in excess of \$50 million." That, in

turn, will require the CNMI to provide more than \$5 million for the required 10 percent federal-to-local cost share.

The Senate, in the joint resolution, resolves that, with the House of Representatives concurring, authorizes the governor to reprogram appropriation and allocations based on the current fiscal year 2015 budget to up to 100 percent cumulative and in total of funds appropriated for the operations and activities of the Executive Branch.

The resolution states that the authority shall be used strictly to pay the Commonwealth's 10 percent cost-sharing obliga-

tion and the unforeseen expenditures and obligations to the cost of response and recover as result of Typhoon Soudelor's destruction.

The fiscal year 2015 budget increased the governor's reprogramming authority from 25 to 50 percent.

New NMC regent

Meanwhile, the Senate also adopted last Friday a standing committee report confirming the appointment of Cynthia Lorenza I. Deleon Guerrero to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of

» Confirms appointment of Board of Regents member

Regents.

The committee reports states that due to the Typhoon Soudelor's disruptive effects on the community, they find it reasonable and necessary to waive the usual practice of conducting a public hearing on the governor's appointment at this time.

Acting governor Ralph Torres made the appointment last July 15.

The committee states that after much deliberation and based on overall assessment of Deleon Guerrero's credentials and experience, they are convinced that she possesses the qualifications and leadership skills to serve as a member of the NMC board.

Paupau Beach cleanup on Saturday

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at Paupau Beach on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 8am.

If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Paupau Beach area/parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups

and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

Outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at

least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt.

For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. **(BECQ)**

BSI's Live Bar is most happening spot in town

Best Sunshine Casino Live Bar, the latest hotspot on Saipan, transformed into a bona fide happening club scene last weekend, once again hopping with a huge crowd and repeatedly boasting full seating capacity.

The bar reached its standing-room-only peak last weekend, Friday and Saturday, with their unbeatable \$1 draft beers, free chas-

ers, and non-stop entertainment provided by Baraha Band and DJ Fade on alternate segments.

Guests sipped their favorite drinks, ate from an array of appetizers, and listened to their favorite song requests while they rambled onto an improvised dance floor.

The Live Bar's casual and carefully engineered ambience

is friendly and comfortable, as opposed to what you might expect, as the bar is housed inside a lavish, immaculate casino. That familiar merriment is enhanced by groups of friends and families being crooned with original songs by guest appearances of local artists such as JJ Concepcion, who delightfully surprised the crowd with his im-

promptu performance.

Come to the Casino Live Bar, and if you're either a spirits or song aficionado, you will immediately be yourself and feel right at home in this perpetually packed crowd. Find out what all the hype is about and brace yourself for a selection of exciting deals that would sure feel like a jackpot hit. **(BSI Press Release)**

4th Philippine consular mission ends

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REPORTER

The fourth Philippine Consulate General's mobile mission in the CNMI this year closed yesterday after their day and a half service on Tinian at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

According to Consul Edgar Auxilian of the

Philippine Consulate Guam, at least 119 passport applicants were processed on Tinian. More than 60 people availed of the passport extension, while 57 registered as new

overseas voters. There were three who availed of notarial and authentication services, six births and marriages were reported, and two employment contracts were verified.

On Saipan, where the mobile consulate mission ended Friday, 295 passport applications were processed, a number lower than the scheduled 360 despite the consulate team accommodating walk-in applicants. Ninety-two availed of the free passport validity extension.

One-hundred-and-seventy-eight Filipinos registered as overseas voters for the 2016

elections. There were 15 reports of birth, while three reported marriage as well as dual citizenship. Sixty-five people availed of notarial services while 27 contracts were verified.

Still on Saipan, 1,200 registered as members of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, the govern-

ment welfare institution that protects and promotes the interest of its OFW members.

O W W A representative Rey Tayag also went to Tinian and will be going to Rota as well.

According to Auxilian, they will have another mobile mission in October, which is probably their last for the year.

"Our indicative date is last week of October," Auxilian said.

For the fifth mission, Auxilian said they will be stopping by Rota as well.

"Let's hope and pray that there will be no weather disturbance so that it won't be postponed. We're also running after the schedule for the overseas voter registration, which is Oct. 31," Auxilian said.

» More than 400 passport applications processed » Next mission in October to include Rota



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Best Sunshine's Live Bar is once again standing-room-only.

World

Egypt's leader says country in 'ferocious war'

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said in an interview that the Mideast region needs to cooperate to defeat a worsening terrorist threat that has led to a "ferocious war" in Egypt and created the danger of some countries "sliding into failure."

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press Saturday night, el-Sissi also said that Syria should not be divided after its civil war, that the Egyptian military needs to be "augmented" to defeat terrorists fighting in the Sinai and Western Desert, and that efforts should be renewed to solve the Palestinian issue and expand Egypt's nearly 40-year-peace with Israel to include more Arab countries.

Resolving the Palestinian question, he said, could "change

the face of the region and ... bring about enormous improvement to the situation. ... I'm optimistic by nature and I say that there is a great opportunity."

The 60-year-old former military chief, who ran for president and assumed office in 2014 after the army ousted his predecessor Mohammed Morsi the year before, spoke with AP at a New York hotel on Saturday night after he addressed a U.N. summit that adopted new development goals for the next 15 years. He will also attend the annual ministerial meeting of the General Assembly at U.N. headquarters that begins Monday.

Speaking just days after pardoning and releasing two jailed Al-Jazeera English journalists in Cairo, el-Sissi said he is open to clemency to other journalists

who have been tried and convicted in absentia. But he said he would only act within his powers as president and would also respect the prerogatives of Egypt's judiciary.

"Rest assured that we are always keen on sorting out issues and problems, especially those that relate to journalists and to the media personnel," he added.

El-Sissi, speaking through a translator, said that regional security is in "its most vulnerable state."

"Let it suffice to look at the map and find countries that are suffering from failure. There is an increase in the extremist groups. There is the problem of the refugees that are flowing into Europe. With all that in mind, we can sense how difficult and how complicated" the challenge is, he said.

India clamping down on critics of Modi, activist groups

NEW DELHI (AP)—It takes courage to accuse a powerful politician—a man who would go on to become India's prime minister—of encouraging riots against a minority. Police officer Sanjiv Bhatt did just that. And he says he is paying the price for it.

Bhatt was arrested months after he filed an affidavit in the Supreme Court in 2011, alleging that Narendra Modi incited anti-Muslim violence that killed more than 1,000 people in the western state of Gujarat. At the time, Modi was the chief minister of the state, and Bhatt was an officer of the police intelligence.

Then, earlier this year, Bhatt was fired after 27 years on the

job for taking more leave than he was allowed.

His dismissal comes amid the stiffest crackdown in decades on critics and activist and aid groups perceived to be undermining India's image and interests.

Since Modi took office last year, more than 9,000 humanitarian and human rights groups have lost their registration to receive foreign funding, effectively shutting many down, and dozens of activists have been threatened with arrest.

"Governments in general don't like criticism," said Teesta Setalvad, an activist fighting for the survivors and victims of the Gujarat riots who has been repeatedly harassed by authori-

ties. "This particular government, from all its actions it is clear, is especially intolerant of any criticism."

Setalvad, a vocal Modi critic, had her home and office raided in July by investigators searching for evidence of embezzlement, and one prosecutor has called for her arrest, describing her as a threat to national security.

The government denies efforts to silence dissent. Nalin Kohli, a spokesman for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, says that cases such as Bhatt's are for the courts to decide. But the government has made clear it views aid organizations, particularly foreign ones, with deep suspicion.

shrink their carbon footprint. Mayors from Sao Paulo, Brazil, Brussels and Bristol were in Paris for the kick-off on the famed Champs-Elysees Avenue. The avenue, normally congested with vehicles, isn't the only sector of Paris having a carless moment. Vehicles, including motorized bicycles, are forbidden in a quarter of the French capital and "strongly not recommended" throughout. Those who hit the road anyway must observe a 20 kilometer-per-hour (12.5 mph) speed limit. Police are watching. Buses, ambulances, police vehicles, fire trucks and taxis were allowed in the streets.

Catalans vote to determine region's future as part of Spain

BARCELONA, Spain (AP)—Voters in Catalonia are participating in an election that could propel the northeastern region toward independence from the rest of Spain or quell secessionism for years. Secessionists have long pushed for an independence referendum, but Spain's central government has not allowed one, arguing it would be unconstitutional because only it can call such a vote. Sunday's election is for Catalonia's 135-member Parliament, located in the region's capital Barcelona. Secessionists argue if they win 68 seats, the result would give them a democratic mandate to initiate a split from Spain that could include a unilateral declaration of independence. The central government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy says it will use all legal means to prevent Catalonia from breaking away, an exit European leaders warn would include ejection from the European Union.



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WORLD BRIEFS

Iran vows legal action against Saudi after hajj disaster

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran on Saturday vowed to take international legal action against Saudi Arabia's rulers over the crush of Muslim pilgrims at this year's hajj, which killed at least 769 people, including 136 Iranians, and has led to an escalation of tensions between the regional archrivals. Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir later responded to Iran's criticism, telling reporters in New York that "I believe that the Iranians should know better than to play politics with a tragedy that has befallen people who were performing their most sacred religious duty, which is the pilgrimage." The pilgrims suffocated or were trampled to death Thursday when two massive crowds converged on a narrow street, in the worst disaster to occur during the annual pilgrimage in a quarter-century. Shiite Iran has accused Sunni Saudi Arabia of mismanaging the pilgrimage, which annually draws some 2 million people from 180 countries.

Paris goes car-less for a day in bid to cut pollution

PARIS (AP)—Pretty but noisy Paris, its gracious Old World buildings blackened by exhaust fumes, is going car-less for a day. Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo presided over Sunday's "day without cars," two months before the city hosts the global summit on climate change. The symbolic initiative is aimed at showing that air pollution from traffic—a prime source in Paris—must be reduced worldwide and capitals must take concrete measures to

Health & Fitness

Seniors who keep working are healthier, study says

By KAREN KAPLAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Is retirement hazardous to your health? It's an intriguing question in light of a new study that finds senior citizens who work are in better health than their counterparts who don't.

Researchers from the University of Miami and their colleagues examined data on more than 83,000 Americans who participated in the National Health Interview Survey between 1997 and 2011. All of them were at least 65 years old when they were interviewed, and 13 percent of them were still working part time or full time. The majority of these workers—61 percent—held white-collar positions.

Compared to people with white-collar jobs, those who were unemployed or retired were 2.75 times more likely to report their health as "poor" or "fair." (The other options were "good," "very good" or "excellent.") People with blue-collar jobs, service-industry jobs or who worked on farms rated their health as about the same as their white-collar peers.

The survey also rated health using a measure called the Health and Activities Limitation Index, or HALex, which includes factors like whether people need help taking care of themselves or have limitations in the kind of work they can do. The 80 percent of people with the highest HALex scores were considered to be in good shape, compared with the 20 percent of people who had the lowest scores.

The researchers found that unemployed and retired senior citizens were nearly six times more likely than the white-collar workers to have a low HALex score. Again, other types of workers scored about the same as white-collar workers.

Older Americans with jobs also fared better on more objective measures of health. For instance, the National Health Interview Survey included information on whether people had ever been diagnosed with serious conditions like cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Compared to those with white-collar jobs, those who were unemployed or retired were 49 percent more likely to have a history of at least two of these health problems.

By this measure, blue-collar workers were in even better health than white-collar workers: They were 16 percent less likely to have two or more of these health problems.

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Diwain A. Stephen

lovingly known as "Diwi"

October 28, 1967 – September 23, 2015

In his new life, he now joins his:

Mother: †Cecilia Linny
Niece: †Samantha Smith
Reared Father: †Rokucho Fred Billy

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Florence S. Camacho –Stephen
Sons: Weischibw C. Stephen (Kel)
Joshua C. Stephen
Father: Akitaro Linny
Sisters: Lorensa Stephen & Family
Sophie Stephen & Family
Maria Aritos & Family
Parents-in-law: Maria S. & Jose O. Camacho
Reared Mother: Rita K. Billy
Brothers and Sisters-in-law: JR. & Nad Camacho & Family
PJ & SiAna Camacho
Jina Camacho & Ray Tigilau

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Mass of Intentions for the repose of His soul is scheduled on the following:

Kristo Rai Church:	San Jose Church:	Santa Soledad:	St. Jude Church:
Monday – 6:30AM	Monday – 6:00AM	Tuesday – 6:00PM	Thursday – 6:00PM
Tuesday – 6:30AM	Tuesday – 6:00AM	Wednesday – 6:00PM	Friday – 6:00PM
Wednesday – 5:30PM	Wednesday – 5:30PM	Thursday – 6:00PM	Sunday – 8:00AM
Thursday – 6:30AM	Thursday – 6:00AM	Friday – 6:00PM	10:00AM
Friday – 6:30AM	Friday – 6:00AM	Saturday – 6:00PM	
Saturday – 5:30PM	Saturday – 5:30PM	Sunday – 9:30AM	
Sunday – 7:00 AM	Sunday – 7:30 AM		
9:30AM			

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God."

-- Job 19: 25 & 26

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay. Kilisou, Si Yu'use Ma'ase & Thank you.

From

Florence, Weisch, Josh & Family

Life & Style

Australia warns Chris Brown he may not be allowed Down Under

SYDNEY (AP)—Chris Brown's plans to tour Down Under were in jeopardy on Sunday after the Australian government formally warned the troubled R&B singer that he is likely to be denied a visa because of his criminal conviction for assaulting pop star Rihanna.

The immigration department issued Brown a "notice of intention to consider refusal," giving him 28 days to present evidence as to why he should be allowed to enter the country, Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said in a statement.

The notice comes just days after former Immigration Minister Michaelia Cash urged Dutton to refuse the 26-year-

old American a visa on character grounds.

"People need to understand if you are going to commit domestic violence and then you want to travel around the world, there are going to be countries that say to you: 'You cannot come in because you are not of the character we expect in Australia,'" Cash, who is now minister for women, told reporters last week.

Australia isn't the first country to consider rejecting Brown. Britain, Canada and New Zealand have also refused to give him visas.

Brown was expected to arrive in Australia in December for a tour of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth.

Activists have been campaigning to ban the singer from the country because of his brutal attack on his then-girlfriend, Rihanna, hours before the 2009 Grammy Awards. He pleaded guilty to felony assault and was freed from probation this year.

A publicist for Brown did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The immigration department will decide whether to grant Brown a visa after the 28-day timeframe has expired.

AP

In this July 25, 2015 file photo, Grammy award-winning singer Chris Brown performs at a club in Macau.



Pope, UK band releasing albums of same name on same day

NEW YORK (AP)—Holy musical matrimony? Pope Francis and UK pop group The Vamps are releasing albums of the same name on the same day.

Pope Francis announced that he will release "Wake Up!" on Nov. 27, the same day the Vamps will drop their sophomore album called "Wake Up."

"It's ridiculous really, like it's ridiculously cool. I didn't even know the pope was releasing anything, but for it to be released at the same time and with the same sort of name, it's amazing," Vamps guitarist James McVey said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday. "We're very excited and kind of honored to be releasing an album at the same time as the pope with a similar title. That's awesome."

McVey, 21, added that "it would be amazing to do a gig together" with Pope Francis at the Vatican.

"Could you imagine?" he

said.

The Vatican-approved album will include the religious leader's speeches in various languages, including English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. The sound ranges from pop to rock to Latin. The album will include 11 tracks.

Pope Francis, who is currently on a visit to the United States, debuted a song called "Wake Up! Go! Go! Forward!" on Rolling Stone's website Friday.

The Vamps have opened on tour for Taylor Swift and Selena Gomez. They will release the first single from their new album, also called "Wake Up," on Oct. 2.

The band includes lead singer Brad Simpson, 20; bassist Connor Ball, 19; and drummer Tristan Evans, 21. The band's debut album, "Meet the Vamps," was released last year. It launched five Top 10 hits in the United Kingdom.

McVey said that although

their song "Wake Up" was initially about a girl, the title has multiple meanings for the group.

"I think the whole 'Wake Up' title can be applied to everything we're doing. It's kind of the notion of regeneration and waking up the whole band again," he said. "It's kind of about waking up everyone to the world of the Vamps' second album."

The Vamps collaborated with Demi Lovato and Shawn Mendes on their debut album. The new record has more synth in the sound, McVey said.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt compares Snowden, Philippe Petit roles

NEW YORK (AP)—Joseph Gordon-Levitt would only nod and walk away when asked about his secret meeting with Edward Snowden.

But the actor did take the time to compare playing the former National Security Agency systems analyst

to the character he portrays in his latest film. In "The Walk," he plays high-wire artist Philippe Petit, who walked across a wire between the World Trade Center's twin towers in



Gorden-Levitt

1974.

Gordon-Levitt said both men took enormous risks, showed incredible courage and broke the law for something they believed in.

He made the com-

After Bobby Hill, 14, of the Keystone State Boychoir performed an opera solo, he told Wahlberg that he liked his performance in the movie about an angry talking teddy bear.

"He whispered in my ear that he liked the movie 'Ted,'" Wahlberg said. "I told him that was not appropriate for his age. Holy Father, please forgive me."

The Boston-born actor, who

also played Vince Papale in "Invincible," a film about a real-life walk-on who signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1970s, also gave a "Go Eagles!" cheer from the stage.

He introduced performances by Aretha Franklin, Andrea Bocelli, The Fray, the Philadelphia Orchestra and others.

Bobby, a soprano from Philadelphia, sang "Pie Jesu" by

Mom back in dating game should be careful to score

DEAR ABBY: My mom recently separated from her husband. They're in the process of getting divorced, and she is already talking to another man. She has known him since high school, but they only recently reconnected again.

Last night they finally decided to go out. She says they're "just friends," but she got home at 5:30 a.m., wasted. She woke me 30 minutes before work, then passed out in my bed. I think she's moving way too fast. She isn't a teenager anymore, let alone divorced. Am I wrong for being upset with her? Or should I support her? Help!

EMBARRASSED IN TEXAS

DEAR EMBARRASSED: I don't know how old your mother is or how long she has been married to the man she's divorcing, but if she has been out of the dating scene for any length of time, you need to talk calmly with her and not appear judgmental.

I'm concerned because she may have had unprotected sexual contact with a person she hasn't seen since high school, and a lot could have happened in his life since then. She should not be intimate with ANYONE unless she knows his sexual history and that he can't give her an STD.

Sometimes older adults forget that the same rules that apply to younger adults apply to them, too. So rather than judge your

mother, do discuss this with her without letting it degenerate into an argument. If you approach it this way, she may listen.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I provide day care for our 2-year-old granddaughter. We have her three days a week and love spending the time with her. However, when her mother—our daughter—comes to pick her up, she doesn't leave right away. She "hangs out," eats with us, and still expects us to change the baby or fix her dinner. Then, on the weekends, our daughter will come over with her husband, and we are once again on day care duty.

Our daughter seems to think that when she is at our house, we are the baby sitters and she can just plop herself on the couch and watch TV. How do we tactfully tell her she needs to take responsibility for her daughter when they are at our house?

TIRED GRANDPARENTS

DEAR TIRED GRANDPARENTS: How about just saying what you have to say calmly, in plain English? That's what you and your husband should have done the first time you felt your daughter was taking advantage of you, which she is. Do not be confrontational, just firm when you tell her you're off baby-sitting duty, and it's her job now.

DEAR ABBY: My second husband likes to touch me often. He

DEAR ABBY

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massages my back, rubs my legs and runs his hands through my hair. This is new for me. My first husband never acted this way.

I have been married to Husband No. 2 for 15 months. My question is, is this normal?

MANHANDLED

DEAR MANHANDLED: Yes, it's normal. Many women would consider you lucky to have a spouse who is so affectionate. Different strokes for different folks. Enjoy it while it lasts.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

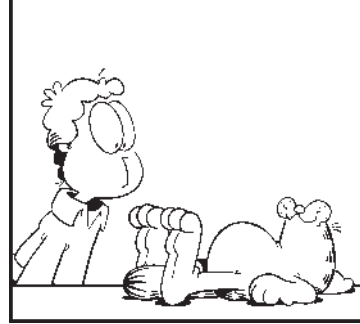
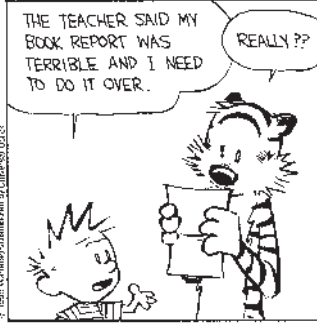
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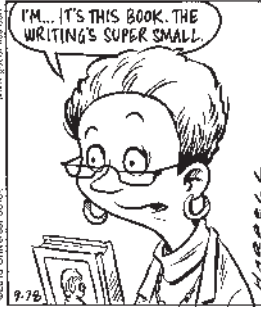


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By Glenn McCoy



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ACROSS

1 Slugger's tool
4 Avocation
9 Despondent
12 Work with
13 "Swan Lake" role
14 Weeding device
15 Wisconsin city
17 Away from WSW
18 Approvals
19 Hidden marks-man
21 Societal levels
24 Engineering sch.
25 "Wha'dja say?"
26 Morning moisture
28 Consider
31 War god
33 Thanksgiving veggie
35 Let fall
36 Old hat
38 Talk on and on

DOWN

1 Clear the tables
2 Blond shade
3 Golf prop
4 Addicted
5 Homeric work
6 Ginormous
7 Explosion
8 Had a longing (for)
9 Creche figures
10 Top-rated
11 Antelope's playmate
16 Automaton, for short
20 On the rocks
21 Punchball bit
22 Emanation
23 Small, stocky ponies
27 Witty one
29 Stereo alternative
30 Bridge
32 Crystal gazer
34 Waltzing girl of song
37 Maiden
39 Culprit in a trite whodunit
42 India's first prime minister
44 Gear tooth
45 Students' quarters
46 Basin accessory
50 A billion years
51 Toward the stern
52 Tend the lawn
53 Id counterpart

Solution time: 26 mins.

Friday's answer 9-28

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kirsten Prout, 25; Hilary Duff, 28; Mira Sorvino, 48; Janeane Garofalo, 51.

Happy Birthday: Get the ball rolling. Don't let laziness take over or emotional matters bog you down. Charge into the future with enthusiasm and the willingness to start new ventures and bring about positive change. You will thrive on chasing success and proving to yourself and others what you are capable of doing. Speak up and make a difference. Your numbers are 5, 12, 24, 27, 32, 41, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let things get to you. Stay calm and do your best to enjoy the company of the people you like to be around. A suggestion or offer looks promising. A move will bring positive changes to your life. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Accept the changes going on around you at work or with regard to a situation you are dealing with medically, legally or financially. Look at the big picture instead of focusing on minor details that won't make a difference in the end. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ability to ignite enthusiasm in others will help you finish what you start. You can make positive changes at home and to your personal life that will eliminate some of the negative pressure others are putting on you. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Indecision will be a problem. Gather all the pertinent information and make a choice to head in one direction or another. Being realistic will ensure that no matter what you decide, you will be able to reach your goal. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Go where the action is. A day trip or setting up meetings that will help you express your thoughts, ideas and plans to people who can contribute is favored. Love and romance are highlighted and will improve your outlook and your future. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An unexpected change to a contract, legal matter, settlement or investment will leave you in a quandary. Use your past experience to help you make good decisions. Don't let anyone pressure you to do something questionable. Take your time. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Avoid anyone who gives you a hard time. You will be prone to emotional misunderstandings, so try to spend your time doing something you enjoy or bringing about positive change. A pick-me-up will do you good. Romance is encouraged. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take better care of your health. Put greater emphasis on expanding your professional interests. Networking activities should include some unusual people who will inspire you to get more involved in industry events. You'll gain respect if you contribute your expertise. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may feel like going on an adventure, but try to stick close to home. Problems while traveling or dealing with foreign policy or institutions can be expected. Work toward raising your profile and improving your reputation. *****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Problems with a friend, relative or neighbor will develop if changes are made without approval or if lines of communication are misinterpreted. Do your best to be precise and open about your plans if they will affect others. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Gather information and share your thoughts with people you trust and have known for a long time. You can bring about financial changes that will benefit you and the ones you love by cutting corners and investing wisely. ****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll face roadblocks if you are demanding. A partnership will suffer due to an unexpected change of plans. A favor will be required if you want to reach your goals. Ask only for what you need to advance. ***

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

9			6	2				5
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

4	3	8	7	6	5	1	9	2
5	7	1	2	4	9	3	8	6
9	6	2	8	1	3	7	4	5
6	4	3	5	9	8	2	7	1
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3	5	6	9	8	1	4	2	7
1	8	4	6	2	7	5	3	9

Difficulty Level ★

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

HATS OFF!

Solution: 10 letters

L E P D M Y T F S U E L I P H
A L T R V I T L L A B E S A B
I B N A O T L L E O C A R N O
N A N O R T N I A F W D R A L
O R D B T O E E T Y H E A M D
M A A R O G B C M A O C R A Y
E E E A E N N A T I R R T E O
R W H T W L N I L I G Y S A D
E D E R B Y I E L E V E Y B M
C O L O R S E G T L B E R T
L L M M O Y A U I S E L Y T S
O L E U Q O T N Q O T W O O L
C U T S U N H A T U U R E P L
H H H A T T O P H A T S A H A
E C O L L E C T I O N C S W T

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Army, Artsy, Baseball, Beret, Bold, Bonnets, Cap, Ceremonial, Chullo, Gloche, Collection, Colors, Derby, Elaborate, Felt, Flowered, Hard Hat, Head, Helmet, Match, Military, Mortarboard, Navy, Panama, Pileus, Protective, Regiment, Religious, Royalty, Santa, Straw, Style, Sunhat, Tall, The Wellington, Top Hat, Toque, Tuque, Wearable, Wool

Last Friday's Answer: Night

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Mets clinch 1st playoff spot since '06 by beating Reds



CINCINNATI (AP) — The New York Mets

clinched the NL East title for their first postseason berth since 2006, beating Cincinnati 10-2 Saturday behind Lucas Duda's first career grand slam and another dominant start by Matt Harvey.

Harvey (13-7) was most appropriate to pitch the clincher, the Mets' sixth division crown. He was the NL's starter for the 2013 All-Star game at Citi Field, but needed Tommy John surgery and missed all of last season.

Duda sparked a warmup celebration with his first swing. His first career grand slam in the first inning off left-hander John Lamb (1-4) got thousands of blue-clad NY fans chanting: "Let's go Mets!"

Jeury's Familia fanned Jay Bruce to end it, sending the Mets streaming into a huddle in front of the mound.

Giants 14, Athletics 10

In Oakland, Calif., rookie Jarrett Parker became the first Giants player with at least three homers and seven RBIs in a game since Willie Mays in 1961, overshadowing the shaky starts in the feel-good matchup of Tim Lincecum and Barry Zito.

Parker hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the eighth for his third home run. Mays, the Hall of Famer, had four homers and eight RBIs on April 30, 1961, at Milwaukee.

Parker's grand slam came against Ryan Dull (0-1) after a solo shot off Zito in the second and a two-run drive in the seventh.

Hardly at their old best of yesteryear when they dominated for Oakland, Hudson and Zito shared their brief moment to say goodbye to the Bay Area baseball fans in what began as a nostalgic moment and ended with Parker's power surge.

Josh Osich (2-0) pitched two innings for the win and Santiago Casilla recorded two outs for his 36th save.

Angels 3, Mariners 2

In Anaheim, Calif., David Freese led off the ninth inning with a homer to center, and the Los Angeles Angels kept pace in the AL wild-card race with their fourth straight victory.

Freese connected off Danny Farquhar (1-5), keeping the Angels a half-game behind Houston for the second wild-card spot.

Mike Trout made a jaw-dropping catch high above the center field wall in the fourth inning, robbing Seattle's Jesus Montero of a three-run homer.

Angels closer Huston Street had to be helped off the field in obvious pain after finishing his follow-through on a pitch in the ninth inning. Fernando Salas (4-2) got the win.

Twins 6, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Eduardo Escobar

homered and drove in three runs as the Minnesota Twins kept pace in the AL wild-card race by beating Detroit.

The Twins blew a late lead Friday and, with Houston winning, remained 1 1/2 games short of the second wild-card spot.

Tigers general manager Al Avila announced before the game that Brad Ausmus will return as the team's manager in 2016.

Rookie Tyler Duffey (5-1) allowed two runs on eight hits and one walk in six innings.

Alfredo Simon (13-11) allowed four runs on eight hits and a walk in eight innings.

Yankees 2, White Sox 1

In New York, Chase Headley and Alex Rodriguez hit consecutive run-scoring doubles off John Danks in the sixth inning. Adam Warren combined with his bullpen on a three-hitter and the New York Yankees beat the Chicago White Sox.

New York stayed four games behind AL East-leading Toronto with eight games remaining and maintained a four-game lead over Houston for the top AL wild card.

Warren (7-7) won for the first time since July 25.

Justin Wilson, Dellin Betances and Andrew Miller each pitched a perfect inning, with Miller getting his 36th save in 38 chances.

John Danks (7-14) took the loss.

Indians 9, Royals 5

In Kansas City, Mo., Carlos Santana drove in three runs, Yan Gomes homered and Cleveland beat Kansas City to move above .500 for the first time since April 9.

The Indians remain three games back in the AL wild-card race. The Royals, who wrapped up the AL Central title with a victory Thursday, fell to 9-15 in September.

Indians relievers Zach McAllister (4-4), Jeff Manship, Kyle Crockett and Bryan Shaw held the Royals hitless over the final 5 1-3 innings.

Kris Medlen (5-2) was pulled after 3 2-3 innings, yielding six runs on nine hits, including six for extra bases, a walk and a wild pitch.

Red Sox 8, Orioles 0

In Boston, first-time starter Craig Breslow and six relievers combined on a five-hitter and Boston further dented Baltimore's slim playoff hopes.

A day after Boston journeyman Rich Hill blanked Baltimore on a two-hitter, the Red Sox emptied their bullpen.

The Orioles fell 4 1/2 games behind Houston for the AL's second wild-card spot. Third baseman Manny Machado made a pair of two-run errors, both coming on grounders by Xander Bogaerts.

Making his first career start after 522 relief appearances



AP
New York Mets' David Wright is doused by a teammate as they celebrate in the clubhouse after clinching the NL East title following their 10-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds in a baseball game, Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015, in Cincinnati.

down the left field line in the sixth.

Jeremy Hellickson (9-11) made his third start since returning from the disabled list and allowed one run on four hits over six innings.

Pirates 4, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Francisco Liriano pitched four-hit ball into the eighth inning, and Pittsburgh beat the playoff-bound Chicago Cubs 4-0 for their eighth straight victory.

Liriano (12-7) struck out nine and walked three over 7 2-3 innings. Jordy Mercer had a three-run homer off Jason Hammel (9-7), and the Pirates continued to roll.

They lead Chicago by 5 1/2 games for the top wild card with a chance to complete a weekend sweep on Sunday. The Pirates then open a three-game series Monday against St. Louis, the team they trail in NL Central.

Astros 9, Rangers 7

In Houston, Carlos Correa and Jose Altuve hit two homers apiece as the Astros connected a season-high six times in a win over the Rangers, cutting Texas' lead in the AL West to 3 1/2 games.

The victory breaks an eight-game losing streak to the Rangers and ends a three-game skid overall for Houston.

Chris Carter and Colby Rasmus also homered for the Astros, who are second in the majors with 216 longballs this season. The six homers Texas gave up were a season high.

Collin McHugh (18-7) settled down after a tough first inning to allow eight hits and four runs in 6 2-3 innings for his fifth straight win.

Chi Chi Gonzalez (4-6) allowed one hit and three runs—one earned—in 1 2-3 innings for the loss.

Blue Jays 10, Rays 8

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit two home runs, David Price won for the ninth time in 11 starts with Toronto and the playoff-bound Blue Jays beat the Rays.

Just a few hours after learning the Blue Jays ended their 22-year postseason drought thanks to their main competitors' overlapping schedules, Bautista hit a three-run homer and Russell Martin added a two-run drive in a five-run first inning against Chris Archer (12-13).

Price (18-5) allowed five runs—four earned—in five innings. Despite the difficult outing, Price maintained his AL ERA lead at 2.45.

over 10 years, Breslow allowed two hits in four innings. Heath Hembree (2-0) worked one inning for the win.

Wei-Yin Chen (10-8) took the loss.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

In St. Louis, Jaime Garcia worked eight dominant innings after getting a big early cushion, and St. Louis maintained its three-game lead in the NL Central.

Cardinals infielder Matt Carpenter was removed after five innings with left hip tightness for precautionary reasons, but hopes to play Sunday. Earlier in the day, 14-game winner Carlos Martinez was shut down for the rest of the season with a strained right shoulder.

The Cardinals shaved their magic number to five for clinching the division after second-place Pittsburgh beat the Cubs 4-0 earlier in the day.

Matt Holliday had a pair of RBI doubles, and Kolten Wong's two-run single capped a four-run first against rookie Tyler Wagner (0-1).

Garcia (10-5) allowed a run on seven hits, retiring 10 in a row at one point. The lefty struck out eight with no walks and reached double figures in victories for the first time since 2011.

Nationals 2, Phillies 1, 12 innings

In Washington, a season that started with so many soaring expectations for the Washington Nationals crashed with a dreary thud when they were mathematically eliminated from playoff contention despite winning on Bryce Harper's RBI double.

The Nationals' victory came less than an hour after the New York Mets also won and clinched the NL East title.

Stephen Strasburg struck out 13 for Washington, NL MVP front-runner Harper had three hits and drew his franchise-record-tying 123rd walk — and, like whatever else went right in 2015 for a team many considered a World Series favorite, none of it mattered.

Rockies 8, Dodgers 6

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning, preventing Los Angeles from moving closer to clinching the NL West title.

The Dodgers' magic number remained at two for closing out San Francisco in the division race.

Nolan Arenado hit a grand slam for his 40th home run and Justin Morneau had four hits for the Rockies. Andre Ethier homered for the Dodgers.

DJ LeMahieu, who had three

hits, led off the ninth with a single against Yimi Garcia (3-4). Gonzalez, who also had three hits, worked the count to 3-1 before hitting a 94 mph fastball over the wall in center for his 39th home run.

Justin Miller (3-2) pitched the top of the ninth for the win.

Marlins 6, Braves 2

In Miami, Justin Bour hit a two-run homer, Justin Nicolino pitched seven solid innings and Miami beat Atlanta for the sixth straight time, its longest winning streak against the Braves since winning five in a row in 1997.

Nicolino (4-4) allowed just two hits and a run.

Dee Gordon went 1 for 4 for the Marlins to maintain a batting average of .332, which trails NL leader Bryce Harper's .339 clip after the Nationals star went 3 for 5 earlier in the day.

Julio Teheran (10-8) yielded six hits and two runs over six innings.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 0

In San Diego, Robbie Erlin pitched two-hit ball for seven innings, leading San Diego past Arizona.

Erlin (1-1) didn't allow a hit until Ender Inciarte tripled

Learn a new sport, meet friends



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Learn how to play badminton and football and meet new friends were some of the reasons why sisters Irish and Shane Viray, Jeanine Quilantang, J.D. Jose, Barbara Peteru, and Jose Saures joined the month-long Tan Siu Lin Foundation Summer Camp last July.

The Sportsfest, which was scheduled in the first week of August, wrapped up last week. The event was delayed after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan hard on Aug. 2.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
z-Toronto	89	65	.578 —
New York	85	69	.552 4
Baltimore	76	78	.494 13
Tampa Bay	75	80	.484 14½
Boston	74	80	.481 15

Central Division

x-Kansas City	89	65	.578 —
Minnesota	79	75	.513 10
Cleveland	77	76	.503 11½
Chicago	73	82	.471 16½
Detroit	72	82	.468 17

West Division

Texas	84	70	.545 —
Houston	81	74	.523 3½
Los Angeles	80	74	.519 4
Seattle	74	81	.477 10½
Oakland	65	90	.419 19½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-New York	88	67	.568 —
Washington	79	75	.513 8½
Miami	68	87	.439 20
Atlanta	62	93	.400 26
Philadelphia	58	97	.374 30

Central Division

z-St. Louis	98	57	.632 —
z-Pittsburgh	95	60	.613 3
z-Chicago	89	65	.578 8½
Milwaukee	65	90	.419 33
Cincinnati	63	91	.409 34½

West Division

Los Angeles	87	67	.565 —
San Francisco	80	74	.519 7
Arizona	74	81	.477 13½
San Diego	73	82	.471 14½
Colorado	65	90	.419 22½

z-clinched playoff berth

x-clinched division

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Irish, who started playing football last year and is a member of Shirley's Under-15 team, said she always wanted to try and learn a new sport that's why she tried to join the badminton classes.

"I always wanted to be part of the team that's why I tried football first but I stopped playing for a while after I broke my right leg last year," said the 12-year-old Viray, who plays defender.

"It's always an experience to learn a new sport and meet friends. I'm really into sports that's why I also tried badminton," added the Hopwood Junior High School student.

Shane, her younger sister who is also in the sixth grade at William S. Reyes Elementary School, said she likes to be active that's why she both joined badminton and football.

"My sister wanted to try playing badminton, so I thought to also try learning it. I like playing badminton but I would like to concentrate on football. "Sports teaches us how to cooperate and it shows our skills," said the younger Viray.

Quilantang, who turns 12 next month, first played with

ly scored five runs in the top of the first inning before breezing through the entire game.

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Britta Baechler and Juljean Ngeskebei both went 2-for-4 at the plate with the former having

team rosters and waiver forms, which Babes mentor Bill Camacho countered that Masga was on the roster that they submitted.

It was later found out that Masga only signed the waiver yesterday.

League officials denied Sakudi's protest saying that they should have complained before the start of the game and ruled that Masga will no longer play in the second game.

In their you-or-me Game 2 title showdown, Sakudi, with their title bid threatened, recovered their bearings and cruised to a 26-0 shutout win over the Babes.

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her mom and dad when she was then 9 years old.

"They used to bring me in the badminton court so I just started playing with them. And last year, I joined the clinic," said the Hopwood seventh grader.

"Badminton is a fun sport that's why I want to learn more on how to properly play it. I like physical education and recreation. I also like to play basketball," said Quilantang.

Jose, 10, has been playing football for two years now after seeing his classmates. He plays for Kanoa.

"Football is my only sport. I learn new things in playing and it gives me the chance to train and travel," said Jose.

Peteru, a Dandan Middle School sixth grader, said her father, Panapa, was the main influence for her to try football.

"Seeing my dad play introduced me to football. He then started teaching me the skills like dribbling," added the Matansa U15 player.

Saures, who was born on Saipan but resides in Guam, said he joined the football camp to have a worthwhile summer here.

"I had no experience and I had no sport. It is really good to learn new stuff. There are a lot of good players. I met a lot of people and had new friends in the camp," the 11-year-old Saures said.

A total of 141 kids joined this year's edition of the Tan Siu Lin Summer Camp held every Mondays to Fridays at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

three RBIs and scoring twice, while the latter drove in one run and touched home plate five times.

Bert Camacho, Liz Lebria, Thelma Mizer, Rachel Salila, Maria Aldan, Erin Mendiola, Suad Younis, Carlyn Reyes, and Krissa Deleon Guerrero were the other members of the team with Paul Salila as the other coach.

Erlinda Naputi, Pauline Camacho, Janeeka Atalig, Melissa Benjamin, Jennifer Palacios, Maelyn Naputi, Ta'an Demapan, Edilyn Benjamin, C.J. Litulumar, Tiah Camacho, Sue Cabrera, Almina Deleon Guerrero, Nicia Cabrera, Lizann Deleon Guerrero, and Kuki Naputi were the other members of the Mart Naputi-managed Babes.

sure and took a 25-yard shot over the keeper," Zapanta said.

In the second half, Chonburi again took time to score, making its second goal with 12 minutes already gone by in the final frame. However, that goal got Chonburi going, as it drilled six more to finish off the CNMI.

"The second half saw both teams make changes which turned the match lopsided. Chonburi went from playing long balls to making lots of nice one-two passes in its final third of the pitch," Zapanta said.

the 4-1-4-1 formation in the first half of their game against Chonburi, which took awhile to get its first goal with the visiting squad playing tough defense. Chonburi finally scored in the 16th, but Tanzawa retaliated nine minutes later for the standoff.

"Looking at the score line, we can see the team was much more disciplined defensively in the first half. We drew the match with a goal from Ryu Tanzawa who from a throw in, single handedly dribbled through pres-

Spieth takes the lead at East Lake, 1 round from \$10M

ATLANTA (AP)—Jordan Spieth was so consumed with trying to make birdies and save pars on a rugged, rainy afternoon at the Tour Championship that he didn't realize until after he signed for a 2-under 68 that he had a one-shot lead.

He knows exactly what's at stake Sunday in what was shaping up as a dynamic end to the season.

Spieth made four big par saves and ended with a 20-foot birdie to overtake Henrik Stenson for the lead at East Lake. Already with the best year in golf, the Masters and U.S. Open champion is now one round away from the richest year in golf history.

A victory would push him over a record \$12 million for the season, and give him the \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

"No matter what, it's a dream-come-true season," said Spieth, who was at 8-under 202. "So I don't need tomorrow to justify it. I'm not going to sit here and say \$10 million doesn't mean anything to me, because it does. It's a fantastic

bonus that I don't even know where it came from ... but all of a sudden they just want to give us more money. So it's fine with me.

"I'll work hard for the win tomorrow because I want to win this golf tournament," he said. "It would be special to get your name on that trophy."

He's not the only one who feels that way. And he's not the only with that chance. Stenson had another ordinary day by his standards with his ball-striking, though he held it together for a 72. It was his first time in seven rounds that Stenson was over par, and the first time in his two trips to the Tour Championship that he was no longer in the lead.

"We're still at the races," Stenson said. "I would have liked to have gone a few better, but we're still up there and yeah, it's all going to be decided tomorrow."

Don't overlook Rickie Fowler.

He shot 31 on the back nine for a 67, the low score of the third round, and was four shots behind.



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hand for the last time at 60-58 after Paul Bautista canned a crucial triple before Esdrelon countered with his own shot from beyond the arc to save the day for Pasion De Amor.

With the win, Pasion De Amor improved its record to 4-2 and notched back-to-back victories. Purple Rain dropped to a 2-3 slate.

Demapan top-scored for Pasion De Amor with his 25 points, while Esdrelon finished with 22. The 1-2 punch brought Purple Rain back into the game after their team face a 28-36 halftime deficit. They alternately scored successive baskets to prevent Purple Rain from pulling away in the first half and continued to catch up in the final 20 minutes of play before completing the come-from-behind win off Esdrelon's 3-pointer.

Bautista had 25 markers to lead Purple Rain's losing cause. Meanwhile, Hard Kulangot (3-2) and Kidlat (1-4) played in the second game last night and results of that match will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Tuesday issue. Other games over the weekend—Eh Di Wow vs Hard Kulangot last Friday and last Saturday's Purple Rain vs Red Rice and Oh My J vs Wag Kang Pabebe—were rained out and will be reset later.

The league will play one of the rescheduled matches tonight and teams will be informed of the pairing this morning.

Pasion De Amor 61 – Demapan 25, Esdrelon 22, N. Arreza 6, Pestillos 6, Conti 2.

Purple Rain 60 – Bautista 25, Reyes 13, Berline 9, Leomo 4, Malasarte 4.

Scoring by halves: 28-36, 61-60.

He added that the Commonwealth's key players both on the defensive and offensive end had to be pulled out of the match to give them enough rest to recover as the team is scheduled to face Chinese-Taipei in three days.

The CNMI team took a two-hour bus ride from Chonburi to Bangkok and arrived in the host city late Saturday morning.

"After lunch and settling in their rooms, the boys had a session of recovery training in the pool. Scheduled next was a taping of introductions for Thairath

TV. Today (last Saturday), we also welcomed our goalkeeper coach Takemoto Suzuki, who arrived from Japan. Our liaison was also scheduled to pick up Hunter Jewell today at the airport (last Saturday)," the team manager said.

The Kansas-based Jewell along with Kennedy Izuka, who left Saipan with physiotherapist Pam Carhill last Saturday morning, were expected to rejoin the squad in their training session at the Rajamangala Stadium yesterday.



Mets clinch 1st
playoff spot
since '06 by
beating Reds

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Sakudi wins protest-marred Belau finals

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With their undefeated season denied in the finals opener, Sakudi was merciless against the GSM Babes in the second game of their championship match in the Belau Women's Slow-pitch Softball League yesterday at the Dandan ballfield.



Sakudi enjoyed a twice-to-beat advantage against the Babes after sweeping all of their games in the elimination round to also clinch the pennant, while the Babes' only losses were against the top-ranked team.

Their unbeaten streak, however, ended with a shocking 9-10 loss in Game 1 of the championship match. Ti'ah Camacho scored the winning run on Gerri Dela Cruz's hit.

Sakudi, after the loss, put the game under protest complaining that Tani Masga did not play the entire regular season and only

suit up for the first time in the finals.

Sakudi was contesting that you just can't allow a player who did not saw action in the regular season to just suit up for a team.

Sakudi coach Ed Mendiola said that league officials had set a deadline for submitting the

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JON PEREZ
Team Sakudi members and coaching staff celebrate their win after beating the GSM Babes in Game 2 of their finals match in the Belau Women's Slow-pitch Softball League yesterday at the Dandan Ballfield.



CNMI completes camp, faces Taipei today



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Players and officials of the CNMI U19 National Team huddle before a training match against Chonburi FC Academy U16 last Friday in Thailand.

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It's time for the CNMI U19 National Team to put into practice what they have learned in the training camp in Chonburi as it starts its bid in the AFC U19 Championship Bahrain 2016 Qualifiers today against Chinese-Taipei.

The Commonwealth crew capped its five-day training camp last Friday with a scrimmage against Chonburi FC

Academy's U16 squad at the Institute of Physical Education Stadium and left the capital of the Thai province with the same name last Saturday in time for its duel against Chinese-Taipei today at 7pm (10pm Saipan time) at the Rajamangala Stadium in Bangkok.

The Kiyoshi Sekiguchi-coached team lost the match, 1-8, but made some defensive improvements from their



0-6 defeat at the hands of Assumption Christian College last Wednesday. The CNMI's

defense held the Chonburi to one goal in the first half, while Ryu Tanzawa's goal in the 25th minute forced the deadlock at halftime.

"The team came into the match with a more defensive stance compared to the last

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Pasion De Amor nips Purple Rain

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Pasion De Amor nosed out Purple Rain, 61-60, in the curtain-raiser in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League yesterday at the Navy Hill court.

Elmer Esdreton hit the dagger, drilling a triple from the right key off a pass from Bart Demapan. The game-winning shot came off a Pasion De Amor timeout with 12 seconds left in the match. Esdreton, according to league officials, received the inbound and passed the ball to Demapan, who gave the leather back to the former. At this juncture, Purple Rain committed a defensive lapse, leaving Esdreton momentarily open for the triple, which Purple Rain's Bruce Berline tried to challenge, but he was a few steps away and his long arms failed to distract the Pasion De Amor team captain from making the shot.

After Esdreton's triple, Purple Rain was left with six seconds to orchestrate a play, which it must do quickly as it had no timeout left to talk things over. Purple Rain eventually caved in to time pressure, as it could not pull up

for a shot as time expired.

It was a sorry loss for Purple Rain, as it threatened Pasion De Amor with an upset after lead-

ing by double figures in the first half. Purple Rain had the upper

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Elmer Esdreton, seen here trying to dribble away from two Kidlat defenders, hit the game-winning trey in Pasion De Amor's 61-60 victory against Purple Rain during their game in the Blue Haus-IT&E caging yesterday at the Navy Hill court.